

**Chris Steele**

My name is Chris Steele, and I currently serve as the Co-Chair of the Newton South School Council and am a candidate for re-election to the Council. I have a junior son at South as well as a sixth-grade daughter at Brown. I have been a volunteer in the schools for many years and am also an activist in many other areas around the City of Newton. I was elected in 2015 to serve on our City's Charter Review Commission and have also served on Urban Tree Commission and as the Chair of the Economic Development Commission.

I am most interested in making sure our students have the most supportive learning environment they can so their high school experience is both educational and meaningful. As part of this, I have helped to lead the efforts to study a later school start time for our high school students and even emceed the first presentation we had at NSHS on the topic.

My work in economic development and in the corporate world has given me insight into the careers and skills that our kids will need as they enter the workforce. I would like to bring these insights into discussion around expanding student activities that can better prepare them for their post-high school years. I am very interested in joining the NSHS School Council, and hope that you agree that my experience and perspective will help positively shape our school's environment and our students' education and that you reelect me to School Council.