

Michelle Luo

I am interested in serving on the Newton South School Council. My daughters Jessica, will be in the 9th-grade at the NSHS, and Jocelyn, will be in the 7th-grade at the Brown for the 2016-17 school year.

I have been actively involved in supporting the school communities. Serving on the search committee, I assisted in choosing the Principal to lead my daughters' middle school. Working with the District Superintendent, I orchestrated Diversity training for the district staff. I served in the school Art Teaching committee and organized fund raising events. I am an active member in the Junior Achievement program teaching underserved students. These activities continue to give me significant experience of interacting with school administrators, teachers, students, and parents.

Professionally, I obtained my Ph.D. from the University of Southern California, and have broad leadership and business experience from academic settings and the biopharmaceutical industry. Additionally, I served as the President of the Asian Leadership Network at a large corporation. Currently I am serving in the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee, and in the National Pharmaceutical Council. I will be able to contribute my experience in budget planning, policy assessment, community outreach, event organization, and diversity promotion to the NSHS School Council.

Our family moved from Chicago to Newton in September of last year. We have come to appreciate the welcoming culture and educational excellence of the Newton Public School system. It would be a privilege for me to serve the Newton community at the NSHS School Council.