

Dear Fellow RTA Members,

My name is Gary Palmieri and I am a candidate running for the position of Second Vice President of the Revere Teachers Association. For those of you that don't know me I would like to take a minute and introduce myself. I have been a physical education teacher at the Garfield Middle School for the last eleven years, and I also currently hold positions on the Professional Negotiating Team as well as the District Wellness Committee. I was raised and still currently live in Peabody with my wife and three daughters; but the City of Revere has become like a second home to me. I hope to continue working in Revere for the duration of my career and continue to give back to the community that gave me my first full time teaching job.

Becoming active in our last contract negotiations really opened my eyes to the need for strong leadership, especially during this unprecedented time that we are all going through. This is exactly what I plan to provide as we head into next school year, working side by side with the RTA's next President and the rest of the Executive Board to give us and the children we teach the best and brightest future possible. That being said next year we will be starting negotiations for our upcoming contract. With the experience I have gained working as a member of the Professional Negotiating Team some of the major issues that I will make sure are addressed will be class size, fair and equitable working conditions, and the better pay we all deserve not just as teachers but for the many other "hats" we now wear as 21st century educators.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I look forward to getting your vote in the upcoming election.

Sincerely,

Gary Palmieri