

I think a lot of the questions are really more directly relevant to a city council or mayoral race but below is a bit about me, my experiences and views that I think are relevant to everyone, but cyclists and bike commuters in particular.

I'm a lifelong cyclist, it was the activity that my father and I did together growing up. That included trips to Vermont, Alaska and Montana that I will always remember. In lieu of summer camp, I completed loaded bike packing trips through PEI & Nova Scotia as well as from Seattle to San Francisco. As an adult I've completed both the PMC and the B2VT multiple times. I support cyclists' rights and have had plenty of my own run-ins with cars to understand the importance of bike lanes and bike safety more broadly.

I live with my family in Newton Centre within walking distance to the green line which we use when we can. My son Adam is a fourth grader at Bowen and he walks to school almost every day with our dog. Over the last couple months Adam has started both walking home from school and to the park to meet friends by himself. I believe strongly in giving our kids more freedom to be kids - both on foot and on a bike and would support efforts to expand this with future renovations of our schools. I've also stated directly on the campaign trail that I'm a believer in the neighborhood elementary schools model and believe this is critical to NPS's relationship with our students, their families and voters broadly. It also encourages walking and biking to school versus taking a car that adds to traffic congestion and carbon emissions.

Thank you for taking the time to help your membership understand the coming school committee elections!

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