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### Jason Lewis Receives Teachers' and School Committee Member Endorsements

Teachers and education officials from the district have joined statewide teacher organizations in supporting Jason Lewis, Democratic candidate for State Representative.

"He knows how important education is and what kind of support schools need," said Shelly MacNeill, a member of the Stoneham School Committee. "I know Jason will work tirelessly on behalf of our kids and the quality education that they deserve."

In addition to MacNeill, Lewis has received the support of Stoneham School Committee members Dave Maurer and Joe Viselli and Winchester School Committee members Kathy Bodie and Michael Schindelman.

The Massachusetts Teachers Association and Boston Teachers Union have also endorsed Lewis. These two organizations represent more than 130,000 teachers and other school officials across Massachusetts.

Citing his positions on public education and experience working to strengthen our schools, they called Lewis a "strong advocate for our children."

Lewis, who has two daughters enrolled in public schools in the district, declared education to be one of his top priorities. He has said he will work for policies that improve public education, such as ensuring a well-rounded curriculum and smaller class sizes, and said he would fight for more Chapter 70 funding from the state.

Betty Johnson, Winchester teacher and President of the Winchester Education Association, noted that Jason is actively involved in the schools, including having served on the Winchester Superintendent Selection Committee.

"He is already putting in the work," she said. "It's easy to see from talking with him that he is passionate about education."

Lewis, who was publicly schooled, said that education was important to him personally, but also called strong schools the foundation of the community. He cited cutbacks in school programs as one of his key reasons for running.

"Our schools are struggling to provide our children with a quality education," he said. "It's not okay that art, music, foreign language and other programs are being slashed while fees keep going up. There's a lot of work to do and securing the local aid that our towns need to fund our schools and municipal services will be my top priority."