

## ANTHONY MELILLO DECLARES CANDIDACY FOR CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE -- CITY WIDE

**\*\*CRANSTON, R.I., June 27, 2024\*\*** - Anthony Melillo, a long-time resident of Cranston and current Ward 6 School Committee Member, has announced his candidacy for the City Wide Representative to the Cranston School Committee. Anthony, who lives in the Garden City neighborhood with his wife Elena, aims to continue his dedication to the city's educational system.

Over the past 2 years, Anthony has collaborated closely with his fellow committee members and the school administration to enhance school security, improve school facilities, and maintain high educational standards for all Cranston students. His active participation in PTO meetings, sporting events, recitals, award ceremonies, and fundraising events highlights his commitment to the community.

Anthony plans to succeed former Mayor Michael Traficante, who has served on the school committee for 24 years and is now term-limited. "I know I have some big shoes to fill, but I have learned a great deal from Chairman Michael Traficante, my mentor and friend. I am sure when I need his help, he will be right there with me. We need to keep our momentum going," Anthony stated.

With a degree in Culinary Arts from the Rhode Island School of Design, Anthony has enjoyed a successful 30+ year career in the foodservice industry. Seventeen of those years were spent as the Food Service Director for the Cranston Department of Senior Services, where he developed intergenerational programs and managed department budgets. He currently serves as the Director of Sales for a local food service distributor.

"We have some of the best schools in the state. We need to keep it that way. The children and residents of Cranston deserve to have the best available education, and it will be my focus to bring that to them," concluded Melillo.

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