

My name is Scott Johnson, and I am running for re-election to the Sweet Home Board of Education. I am currently completing my 17<sup>th</sup> year of serving the community as a board member. During that time, I served as vice president for 4 years and president for 4 years. I'm proud to say that during my terms as president, we brought two capital projects to the voters, and both were passed by wide margins. Each project made substantial improvements to the district. The second project is still under way and includes work on every building in the district.

My wife and I have lived in the district for 35 years and both of our children are graduates of Sweet Home. Both of us are long time volunteers with PTA's and school committees even after our children graduated.

Sweet Home is part of the Erie County Association of School Boards (ECASB) and the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA). I am also active in both of those organizations. Last year, I chaired the NYSSBA Resolutions Committee which holds an Annual Business Meeting to determine the legislative direction of the group. I have been the co-chair of the ECASB Legislative Team for about 10 years. Our main goal is to visit and communicate with our elected representatives to help them understand the needs of schools, both financially and other support concerns. ECASB has awarded me the Lorie Sabo Advocacy Award and the Laura M. Burns Advocacy for Children Award. NYSSBA has given me their Masters of Boardmanship award on two occasions.

The recognition is nice, but for me the most important thing is working to learn more about leading schools and being the best advocate, I possibly can for our children. I hope I can count on your vote.