

## **School Board Candidate Info Sheet, 2026**

### **Eastchester Union Free School District**

**1. Name:**

Brenna Gethers

**2. Education:**

BA - Sociology - Brandeis University (2002), Legal Certification - Cornell University (2022), Code Enforcement Official Certification - New York State Building Standards and Codes (2026)

**3. Current occupation/professional experience:**

I'm a NYS Certified Code Enforcement Official with almost two decades in a myriad of fields including municipal government, HR, operational management, regulatory compliance and legal. I specialize in navigating complex systems and clear public communication. On a more creative note—I also bring a unique energy to the table as a 2006 American Idol Alum and former funk-rock lead singer!

**4. How many years have you lived in Eastchester? Do you have children who are currently attending or have graduated from Eastchester public schools?**

Resident for 8 years - 2 fantastic daughters - both graduates of Waverly. 1 attending Anne Hutchinson and 1 attending EMS.

**5. Have you been elected to any leadership roles in the school district or in community organizations? What have you learned from these positions?**

While I haven't previously held an elected role within the district, my background is deeply rooted in leadership and community involvement. My foundation started early through student government and as a Young Scholar. During my time at Brandeis University, I was Co-President of the Brandeis Black Student Organization and the Step Team. These experiences taught me the power of teamwork, advocacy, and organizing around a shared vision. Furthermore, my time as a Girl Scout (Troop 1639) instilled in me a lifelong belief in the importance of community service. While the financial realities of raising a family have kept me from joining the PTA in the past, my commitment to our students is unwavering. I am fully ready to step up to the plate and serve our district with the dedication our children and community deserve.

## **6. What do you see as the role of a School Board trustee?**

A school board trustee's role is to ensure our district is run well through clear vision, smart budgeting, and true administrative oversight. While my leadership experience doesn't come from the PTA, it is deeply rooted in a lifetime of civic engagement. From my time in student government and the Black Student Organization at Brandeis, to my service as a Girl Scout, I have learned the power of advocacy and teamwork. With my experience in operations, I know how to handle fiduciary duties and demand transparency. Most importantly, as a mom, I know exactly what is at stake in our classrooms. I am stepping up now because I am ready to govern, to stretch our tax dollars effectively, and to advocate fiercely for academic excellence.