

BOE Candidate Profile – Melvin Gutierrez

I am a data scientist and have been a resident of Greenwood Lake since 2019. Professionally, I work at a social policy research organization, where I specialize in analyzing a wide breadth of data to drive social impact. My career is built on thorough information gathering, understanding existing policy and legal frameworks, and making efficient fiscal decisions—all of which I aim to bring to the Greenwood Lake School Board.



With a B.S. in Applied Statistics from Purdue University, I am a firm believer in data-driven decision-making. I am committed to ensuring our district’s financial health through transparency and rigorous oversight. Having experience with budgeting and contract negotiations, I feel capable of taking on the complexities of school district operations and would be dedicated to decisions that help achieve long-term fiscal stability.

My investment in this district is deeply personal. My wife serves as an ENL (English as a New Language) teacher within the district, providing me with a unique, firsthand perspective on the daily needs of our educators and students. Additionally, as a parent of a child entering Pre-K next year, I am personally committed to the district’s success for years to come.

My leadership philosophy is rooted in collaboration. I believe the best outcomes for students are achieved when there is open communication and active input from all stakeholders—including administration, teachers, parents, and the broader community. If elected, I will work to bridge communication gaps and ensure that every decision made by the board is backed by evidence and community insight.