



Katharine Lee Bates Elementary

116 Elmwood Road, Wellesley, MA 02481

August 4, 2025

Dear Bates Parents/Guardians,

The Bates School Council is a representative, school building-based committee composed of the principal, three parents, two teachers and a community member. Members meet seven times a year and serve a two-year term.

The main areas of responsibility for School Councils, as mandated by the Education Reform Act of 1993, are to assist the building principal in:

1. Adopting educational goals for the school that are consistent with local educational policies and statewide student performance standards
2. Identifying the educational needs of our students
3. Reviewing the annual school building budget
4. Formulating a school improvement plan

In addition, the School Council is an opportunity for parents, teachers and community members to feel united and collaboratively explore issues related to the district's initiatives, the home-school relationship, student safety and school climate.

Our three parent positions for the 2025-2026 school year are currently filled; however, our meetings are open to the public, and we welcome your interest at any time. For more information, visit wellesley.org/bates/school-council. If you would like to be considered for a parent position on the Bates School Council in the future, please contact me at jolleya@wellesley.org.

Thank you for your interest in this opportunity to serve the Bates School.

Sincerely,

Toni Jolley
Principal, Bates Elementary School