My name is Michael J. Getz and I'm willing to make a change for our community and run for North Tonawanda School Board.

Born and raised in a hard working blue collar family from the west side of Buffalo. Moved to Cheektowaga in the 4th grade where I continued to live until my wife and I decided to call North Tonawanda our permanent home back in 2012 when we bought our house. We currently are raising two wonderful little girls with one currently in 2nd grade at Spruce Elementary and another starting Kindergarten in the fall.

I graduated from Cleveland Hill High School in 2002 and moved onto Erie Community College to obtain my Associates Degree in Business Administration. I spent a vast majority of my working years in County Government nine of which were as a Deputy Sheriff Officer safeguarding the citizens of Erie County. Although I had a fulfilling career in the Public Sector I left in 2016 to utilize my degree in Administration holding various management positions in numerous companies supervising employees and helping to stay within those companies budgetary guidelines. I presently enjoy being employed as a Teamster Local 449 driver for Yellow Corporations as a professional driver making sure the needs of all in our communities are met in these current hard times.

Growing up as a boy I utilized my time with the Boy Scouts to craft my skills as a leader. I obtained my rank as an Eagle Scout and was elected by my peers into the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of Scouting. I obtained my Vigil Honor status, the highest honor within the organization and was elected on a local level by my peers as Lodge Chief in Charge of the over 100,000 dollar budget and Inner workings of over 1,000 youth and adult members. I was also elected to be the orders Section Vice Chief overseeing part of the entire North East Region encompassing thousands of members and numerous lodges ensuring they stay within their budgetary guidelines and making sure they get whatever they needed to run effectively.

I've dedicated most my life to Serving others and the community in one form or another and I want to continue that service to the parents and taxpayers of North Tonawanda. I want to be available to all Parents, Teachers, Students and Administrators focused on Students Welfare and making sure all Students needs are met while Holding the line on an affordable school tax for all citizens of North Tonawanda.

Cutting programs or resources for Students to save a buck is not something I would take lightly and the community should have a say in what should be done.

In short my goals for this School Board are Focusing on the needs of All our Parents and Students, Maintaining a Reasonable and Affordable Budget and Tax for All Residents, and Tackling the hard issues such as Bullying and Vandalism to ensure a safe and effective learning environment for All the children.

Thank you for your support and I really look forward to meeting and speaking with any and all. I can be reached on my Facebook page for school board and my email <a href="mailto:mjgetz2484@yahoo.com">mjgetz2484@yahoo.com</a>

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