

# Lisa Jeanne Graf

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**Objective:** to find employment creating public policy proposals that create win win solutions for difficult issues. Equity and fairness are critical to this process.

**Skills:** clear, concise and persuasive writing, strong research abilities, and organized. Can create proposals based on goals and offer multiple solutions.

**Strengths:** creative, ethical, empathic, and kind

**Software:** InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Powerpoint, Word, Front Page, MyEmma. Also familiarity with Excell

## Public Policy

Actively participated and listened at community forums for Boston Public Schools' initiatives. Created proposals as a parent activist:

- Reducing Transitions, 2018 - suggested three possible options for grade configurations, and weighed in on advanced work classes
- Build BPS, 2018 - created a structure for grade configurations that would allow K-6 and K-8 schools to equally thrive in the district. Suggested priorities for the process and addressed equity issues.
- BPS Budget, 2016 and 2018 - suggestions for saving money, finding new revenue sources, and changing priorities to focus more on equity. Also pushed for more funding of social emotional supports.
- School Start Times, 2017 - created an initial proposal for the Transportation Challenge ( a contest to generate ideas to save money on transportation at BPS), and then created additional proposals in response to parent feedback.
- School Assignment, 2013 - created three proposals. Had an impact on moving the district away from a zone based model and to a home based model (one of my proposals was home based and was created independently of the MIT proposal that BPS implemented). In 2018 wrote about increasing equity in School Choice.

**To read the proposals:** [ljgraf.com/Bio.html](http://ljgraf.com/Bio.html)

## Disability Rights

- promote inclusion for students in schools and in extracurriculars
- push for quiet hand dryers and toilets without automatic flush in public bathrooms for those with sensory sensitivities.
- Contributed to "Outside the Lines" meetings (for parents of students with special needs) at my daughters' school and created a list of resources for families.
- Promote "Autism Acceptance Month" instead of "Autism Awareness Month" because acceptance is a more positive word.
- Participated in the Online Disability March as part of the Women's March with my daughter.

## Board Memberships

- Parent member of the Mission Hill K-8 Governing Board, 2016 - Present  
Served on the Principal Evaluation Committee, 2017 - 2018
- Member of the Fensgate Cooperative Board, 2009 - 2011  
The Fensgate is a mixed income cooperative building,

## Memberships

- Galatea Fine Arts Cooperative Gallery, 2011 - 2015
- Local Colors Cooperative Gallery, 1997 - 2002
- Symphony Garden Community Gardens, 1997 - 2002
- Victory Gardens Community Gardens, 1997 - 2009