



### **Anita Bartschat**

A resident of the Northville school district for seven years, Anita Bartschat is seeking her first term on the Northville Board of Education. Bartschat is an active member of the Ridge Wood Elementary School PTA and the Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School PTAs, including helping establish improved student drop-off procedures at Ridge Wood and Meads Mill. She also is a school representative and district-wide chairperson for the Northville PTA Legislative Action Network (LAN), coordinating advocacy efforts by school families, staff and the community at the state and local levels on behalf of Northville Public Schools.

Bartschat served as a member of the 2011 Northville Public Schools Sinking Fund Study Committee, and chaired the informational campaign that resulted in the passage on May 3, 2011 of a 1-mill capital improvement millage for each of the next five years to address repair and improvement needs across the district. She also facilitates a grassroots education focus group with involvement from Northville and Plymouth-Canton stakeholders (including Michigan Senate representation), and is a member of the Michigan PTA Committee for Children's Advocacy.

In addition, after her son's diagnosis of leukemia in 2007, Bartschat became involved in numerous health-related activities. She is co-founder of Christoph's ALL Stars, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping kids with cancer by raising awareness of childhood cancer, providing comfort to kids during treatment, and funding childhood cancer research. She also promotes blood donation in the Metro Detroit and Ann Arbor areas, and has coordinated numerous blood drives in Northville. She serves as a family advisor at Children's Hospital of Michigan representing the voice of parents and patients on an advisory council. Bartschat also is part of the interview team for nurse residency candidates, as well as a guest speaker at leadership, physician and nurse training sessions.

Bartschat and her husband, Mike, have four children, Christoph, 15; Nicholas, 13; Alexa, 9; and John, 7. She has a bachelor's degree from Wellesley College, in Massachusetts, with a major in political science and a minor in education with a secondary social studies teaching certification. She taught middle grades math, science, social studies and English in public and private schools for five years before deciding to be a stay-at-home-mom.

A native of Massachusetts, Bartschat lived in Minnesota; Utah; New Jersey; Troy, Michigan; North Carolina; and Connecticut before moving to Northville.

"My experience as a parent gives me insight to many aspects of the schools" Bartschat said. "I have children at all levels and we've been through the ALPS program, a combination class, and satellite bus stops. I have also been a teacher, so I know the view from the other side of the desk as well. The state budget indicates that Northville Public Schools will continue to face economic challenges in the next year. I am ready to work with the team to ensure the high-quality education that attracted us to Northville will continue to thrive. I am excited to serve our community, our schools and our children."

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