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## **Let's Communicate**

First, I would like to acknowledge the outgoing Swampscott School Committee members, Mary DeChillo and Paula Bonazolli. In spite of any differences of opinion that I might have had with them, I would like to thank them, and the other, returning members, for the years of dedication and passion they have given to the School Committee.

Second, I would like to thank those who voted for me. With your vote, you have asked me to assume the role of public servant, and I will make every effort to fulfill that role. Third, I would like to thank those who actively assisted me, early, when I was making a decision of whether to seek office and, later, in the campaign itself.

Communication: *n.* interchange of thoughts or opinions. One of the primary contributions I hope to bring to the School Committee is a level of communication that is palpably different than that which Swampscott has previously experienced. Today, the internet provides an amazing medium for communication, and I intend to utilize the internet as my primary venue for that purpose. Also, both periodically and on an as-needed basis, I plan to submit opinion pieces and letters to the editor to the local newspapers.

What can you find on the web site, right now? How will it encourage a dialogue? What can you expect to find there in the future?

The web site, still under development, currently contains a few documents (a couple of agendas, the Swampscott School Committee Policy document and one other document), the information I posted as a candidate, and a mechanism to subscribe to informational e-mail updates.

Why would you want e-mail updates? Currently, notifications about School Committee meetings do not always get posted online (online posting is a "courtesy"). I plan to send notifications about agendas, meeting schedules (and changes), new postings to the web site (such as budget documents and other reports) and anything else that I find relevant. Also, users can send their own "moderated" updates (I must authorize all such updates).

I plan to significantly increase the number and types of posted documents. In the near future, I plan to add a "public forum", where users, registering under their real names, will be able to post comments, suggestions, questions and opinions. I am open to suggestions about other ways to expand the web site.

I plan to maintain the web site until it is rendered obsolete, that is, until the Swampscott School Committee expands it's own web site to cover such topics.

[www.schoolcommittee.nsbernstein.com](http://www.schoolcommittee.nsbernstein.com). Visit me there, and let's communicate.

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