

Kevin Aguiar

I support the core values of the FREA as listed in the statement dated 9/19/17.

Thank you for allowing me the time to issue a statement in response to the core value statement of the FREA. I am extremely passionate about education, especially public education. I previously served for eight years on the Fall River School Committee, and my full-time career choice as an adult is to be an educator. This is fueled by my passion to make a difference to the lives of our children on a daily basis. My wife, Marianne, is a teacher, and I see how hard she works every day, not just during school hours but for many hours in the evening and on weekends to be fully prepared for her students. The dedication that she displays is similar to that of the many, many dedicated educators in Fall River and is very worthy of our respect.

Fall River needs strong public schools that provide educational opportunities that are safe, supportive, inclusive, and rigorous for all students. The City of Fall River has changed a lot over the past several years, and the population of high-needs students in Fall River is growing with each passing year. Educators are required to work harder than ever before to meet the needs of their students. The School Committee can help make policies and budget decisions that not only support students but also support educators. I have worked at each level of Fall River's schools and hope to use my firsthand experience to make sound decisions on behalf of the students and staff of our district.