

Anthony "Tiger" Thomas – Campaign Statement

"Hello to all my Worthington neighbors. My name is Anthony J. Thomas III, but I've always been known in the hilltowns by my childhood nickname "Tiger". I have a simple request, and that is, that you will consider voting for me for our towns School Committee.

As much as I love everything Worthington has to offer, R.H. Conwell school is the main reason my wife (Melissa) and I decided to become residents of Worthington and raise and educate our daughter (Addison) here.

I have been involved, in one capacity or another, at RH Conwell (and in its days as the privately funded Conwell Community Education Center) for over 10 years. I have volunteered filling in for teachers, breakfast/lunch personnel, reading to the children, custodial work, and at one time volunteered (unpaid) as a physical education teacher for 3 years. I was involved in keeping the school privately funded through the "It Takes a Community Foundation" non-profit. And up until the beginning of this year was a member of the schools PTO to raise money for all the extras the school and staff needed.

I've now decided to run for School Committee because in these extremely trying and troubling times I believe a "fresh" set of eyes may be of value to the taxpayers, parents, and staff at the school.

At one time in my first career I was an Administrative Officer for the Commonwealth. I have confidence in my ability to make decisions after doing the proper research. I intend to have many discussions with taxpayers, parents, and staff to get a consensus of the needs and priorities of the Worthington Community. I understand that sometimes that will involve politely asking uncomfortable questions and listening to many varying opinions. I am committed to helping to improve the quality of education at the school and helping to develop new and all inclusive policies. I intend on being a vocal advocate for parents to insure their children are being educated in a manner consistent with their beliefs and lifestyles. I will keep the residents well informed and insure their tax dollars are providing a quality education to the towns children and hopefully help find a way to stop the constant "ballooning" of the school budget. And, if elected, it is my hope to be involved in getting all renovations, that have been long needed, done at the school.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. If you believe it may be time for a new voice on the school committee please consider giving me your support. Most importantly get out and vote on May 7th (830am-1230pm) to let your voice be heard."

Respectfully,
Tiger Thomas