



# David Mendes Carlos

My wife, Dana, and I moved our family to Larchmont 11 years go

We have four children enrolled in the school district: Rafael (8<sup>th</sup>), Nina (7<sup>th</sup>), Tiago (6<sup>th</sup>), Mateo (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Education:** K-12 Public Schools, Waterbury, CT  
Post Graduate Year at Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford, CT  
Cornell University, B.S. in Consumer Economics

**Profession:** Head of Nonprofit & Education Advisory Practice at Savills, a global real estate advisory firm [LinkedIn](#)

**Community Involvement:** Hope Community Services, Community Resource Center, Mamaroneck/  
Larchmont Rec Soccer Coach, One Larchmont, Larchmont Temple, Larchmont  
Mamaroneck Basketball Association Coach, Maccabi Team USA Soccer Team

## 1. Why do you want to become a member of the Mamaroneck School Board?

I am the product of a public school education. Like many families in our school district, my parents were working-class, immigrants who did not speak English and relied on the public schools to play a vital role in shaping one's character and influencing students' aptitude.

**I believe that strong, diverse public schools are the lynchpin to developing successful communities.**

Over the last few years, Dana and I have been thinking about which organizations we want to meaningfully support with time and resources and concluded, there is no organization more important than the one that is educating our four children. After careful consideration, I have decided to run for Trustee of the Mamaroneck School Board.

## 2. What skills, talents, experience or other areas of knowledge will you contribute to the School District as a School Board Member?

I lead the Savills Nonprofit and Education Advisory Practice. My experience involves: space utilization studies, financial analysis, negotiating with developers and municipalities, managing architects and contractors, budgeting, leasing/purchasing/selling buildings and land, developing buildings, etc.

I am confident my professional experience will be directly relevant to helping solve many of the district's space and real estate related issues which are top of mind for so many in the community. **Most importantly, I believe that my expertise in the nonprofit sector has taught me how to critically analyze complex problems and build consensus amongst diverse stakeholders to successfully achieve an objective.**