



## Karyn Reid

Karyn Reid, wife of Julio and mother of Avery and Alisa, was born and raised in the Chicagoland area. Early in her life, a passion for education and its importance was instilled in her. Her parents taught her that education was a key that would open many doors. Although she had a math teacher in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades who had low expectations of her and did almost nothing to help her flourish, she was motivated to pursue a career in education. “I just remembered thinking to myself that I was going to become a teacher because students deserved better than this. All students deserve to have teachers who believe in them and will do to their best to help them to succeed no matter what.”

Karyn began her career of inspiring young minds as an elementary school teacher in 1993, and was “promoted” to teaching middle school math (her dream teaching assignment) when she relocated to New York in the fall of 2000. She decided to take a break from teaching to become a stay-at-home mom shortly after her daughter was born. In an effort to balance performing her “Mommy” duties with another worthwhile endeavor, Karyn began doing volunteer work in the community. She is a member of the Baldwin Civic Association and rejoined the Plaza School PTA when her daughter entered school. She also joined forces with members of the Baldwin school community to create Friends of Baldwin Schools (FOBS). This community-based organization was created to advocate for the students in the Baldwin Union Free School district with annual visits to legislators and conducting letter-writing campaigns; promote the accomplishments of students attending the Baldwin UFSD; and communicate with the Baldwin community at large about important events taking place in the school district, including disseminating information about proposed school budgets.

When the Baldwin community experienced a failed school budget vote in 2013, Karyn actively participated in the Baldwin 4 Children fund-raising initiative. This project raised over \$150,000 in nine months to help fund programs that were eliminated due to budget cuts.

In May 2014, she was elected to the Baldwin Board of Education to fill a vacant seat. After serving for two months as a trustee, she was appointed President of the Board. She is currently serving a second year as board president.