



BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Families of Grade 10 and Grade 12 BHS Students,

I am thrilled to have been selected to serve as Dean of Students for Grades 10 and 12 this school year. As you are aware, Dean Butchart retired this summer and has earned a well-deserved rest! I am fully aware that I cannot be Dean Butchart but I truly look forward to my tenure as Dean Gilbert-Smith. 😊

Just to share a bit about myself, I have served students and families for over twenty years as a Teacher, Student Support Services Coordinator, Guidance Counselor, Dean and most recently as a High School Principal. I have spent most of my career in the Boston Public Schools and am happy to make the transition to the Public Schools of Brookline. I was attracted to Brookline High School due to a deep and abiding belief in its mission to provide an excellent education for all students and to “*develop them to become capable, confident life-long learners who contribute to their community, participate thoughtfully in democracy, and succeed in a diverse and evolving global society*”. The last few words in the mission are the ones that really called to my spirit.

Brookline High is uniquely positioned to deliver on this promise to students and families and I am so happy to be on the team that will prepare future leaders for this state, our country and the world.

On a more personal note, I grew up in Boston and currently reside in Milton with my husband and our two boys, ages 3 and 4. Although my boys are young, I am already anxious about their education, extra-curricular activities, social skills development, physical, emotional and spiritual health, and on and on! All of this to say that I deeply understand how critical it is to all of you to have a Dean that you can count on to support your children and partner with you in ensuring that they have a fantastic educational experience.

As some of you may already know, Associate Dean Poon, has transitioned to the Dean of Student Support Systems position at BHS. While the Blue team will miss his dedicated presence, I can assure you that I, along with new team members, Summer Williams and Rachel Eio and veteran team member, Alexia Thomas, will work hard every single day to make sure that we are visible, accessible and prepared to support you and your children.

I look forward to meeting you in the fall and if there is anything that I can do prior to our first meeting, please feel free to email me at lisa_gilbert-smith@psbma.org or to phone me at 617-713-5207.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lisa Gilbert-Smith'.

Lisa Gilbert-Smith
Dean of Students