

**Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen
School Board Candidate
Information**

Name: William P. Stris

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Occupation: Retired elementary school teacher.

Education/Degrees: Bachelor's degree in Economics & Business
Administration
Master's degree in Early Childhood & Elementary
Education.

Marital Status: My wife, Emilie, and I have been married for 44 years.

Children
(Include schools attended): Emilie and I have one son, Peter. He attended James A. Dever School (K-6th grade), Valley Stream North High School (7th-8th grade), Chaminade High School, the University of Pennsylvania, and Harvard Law School.

Community Affiliations: Parkwold Civic Association (co-founder and past-president).
Valley Stream Historical Society (life member)
Valley Stream UFSD 13 Educational Foundation (past president and presently historian of the Foundation)
PTA Honorary Life Membership
Member of the Downstate Medical Center's Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) since 2016.

Educational Goals: For approximately 36 years as a Valley Stream school board member, my goal for our District has remained constant: to provide every student with access to a quality education at an affordable cost to our taxpayers.

What is the most important issue facing your district?

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Each School year brings new challenges. Currently some include:

- School Safety
- Residency issues
- District Bond work
- District 13 Long Range Planning
- Common Core Implementation
- Elementary & High School Budgets

A safe school and school environment should always be our primary goal. I will work with our school safety committees and homeland security to achieve this goal as all school districts and trustees should.

I look forward to working on the long range planning initiative recently started in district 13. It is imperative we have a formal business-like structure on all aspects of the budget.

As a board member I will continue to work with my colleagues to provide training to parents and staff on how to implement the Common Core Curriculum while lobbying our elected officials and the State Education Department to develop reasonable expectations in the short run.

I will advocate for the passage of both the elementary and high school budgets and monitor our bond work to improve the physical plant in district 13 and the high school district.

I will continue to advocate more transparency of board decisions. Our recent streaming of board of education meeting and viewing them on our website is a clear example of this process.

Also, as an active member of the Residency Advisory Committee, I am committed to prevent those who do not pay school taxes from illegally attending our schools.