



Good afternoon. My name is Molly Horn and I inspire students to learn and love science.

Every student deserves to have caring, strong and committed teachers who inspire their natural curiosity, imagination, and desire to learn.

This is only possible when parents, educators, administrators, and the department of education work together toward a common goal. It was not long ago that this was the case.

Each day, parents trust educators to take care of a young person who is very precious to them. As a teacher, I can assure you we all take that responsibility very seriously.

A visit to a public school classroom would show that positive teaching practices share much in common with positive parenting practices.

Responding to children in a predictable way, showing warmth and sensitivity, having routines and household rules, sharing books and talking with children, and supporting health and safety, are all shown to help children stay healthy, safe, and successful.

Research indicates that teacher quality is the most important factor in students' academic success. The current leadership is not helping any of my students and is driving good teachers out of the state.

When the New Hampshire Department of Education's nationally acclaimed pilot school reform program called "PACE" was discontinued by our current Commissioner of Education, public schools lost the support for intensive training to create more authentic forms of student assessment that were tightly aligned to their district's actual curriculum. A process that allowed teachers in my district to discuss, explore, and improve our curriculum. My district has 4 open teaching positions for the upcoming school year still to fill. Without enough teachers, our class sizes will increase, putting student success at risk.

As an educator, I know that if we're serious about making sure our kids are ready for the future, then we better be serious about who is leading the state's department of education.

Our present Governor doesn't seem to share the same level of seriousness as we do. I believe Dr. Sherman does and that's why I'm here in support of his candidacy today.

Thank you.