


**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION	
Name of public employee:	Maureen Binienda
Title or Position:	City-wide School Committee Member
Agency/Department:	Worcester Public Schools
Agency address:	20 Irving Street Worcester, MA 01609
Office Phone:	508-799-3031 WPS Clerk to School Committee
Office E-mail:	biniendamf@worcesterschools.net
	<p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p>
APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE	
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	My daughter, Mairecait Binienda, is a full-time teacher at Burncoat High School and also part-time teacher at Gerald Creamer Evening Program (GCC) in the Worcester Public Schools (WPS). She has been employed for 12 years as a teacher in the WPS.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	I am a School Committee member who may enter in discussions about all WPS Programs including the Burncoat High and GCC Evening Program. These discussions can include program accountability, program success, and recommendations for improvement. I also will be discussing the WPS budget, which includes both Burncoat High and GCC Evening Program. I will vote on the final WPS budget but not on individual budget items specific to Burncoat High or GCC Evening Program.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	I am the mother of Mairecait Binienda, teacher in WPS. I am an elected WPS School Committee Member.
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person	My official actions will not influence the employment of my daughter in either schools/programs. She is a tenured teacher with 12 years' experience working in the WPS.

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or organization?	As an elected School Committee member, I evaluate the Superintendent of Schools, and approve the WPS Budget.
Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	I am a professional, prior Superintendent of the WPS, and will not use undue favoritism or improper influence.
If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.	WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.
Employee signature:	Maureen Binienda 
Date:	3/12/2024

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.

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