My name is Maria Sanders and I hope to serve as your parent representative on the SBDM Council. My son Julian Sandberg is a rising 9th grader, but perhaps because of the oddities of the Covid years, the High School’s unique architecture -- from academics to policies and personnel – still sometimes feel new to me. I attended nearly every SBDM meeting this year in order to better understand my son’s high school experience and, at times, speak up for his particular needs. I would prefer, though, to be a voice for *all* Beechwood students and their parents/guardians – confidently presenting community concerns and unabashed about asking “What does that mean?” or “Wait, why do we do that?”

I graduated from Duke University, received my JD from Harvard Law School, and practiced transactional law in Los Angeles for several years. Since moving back to KY with my husband Kal Steinberg in 2006, I have worked as Business Manager for my family’s law firm. That role provides deep experience relevant to an SBDM position including hiring/HR, financial and strategic planning, budgeting, accounting and auditing, and day-to-day operational control.

As importantly, over the years, I have dedicated myself to Beechwood by acting as parent rep on the Security Committee, attending the Pritchard Committee’s Governor’s Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership (GCIPL), helping to launch Parent University, managing the PTSA’s online fundraisers and website, creating Facebook pages for Parent U and the Multicultural Alliance, being a room mom, chaperoning fields trips and band camp, and offering countless yoga classes to students and teachers.

Now, I humbly ask you to elect me as your decision-maker and parent advocate on the SDBM Council; in turn, I will devote myself to ensuring Beechwood families are heard, informed, and involved.