

## City School District of Albany

### Celebrating the important role of parents in student achievement

#### **Pam Stempsey**

#### **Stephen and Harriet Myers Middle School**

Pam was a founding member of the Myers Parent Teacher Student Association when the school opened in September 2005, serving as treasurer for four consecutive years while her two sons were Myers students. She was an advocate not only for her sons, but for all Myers students. Whether it was an Open House, an Honor Roll Breakfast, an Ice Cream Social or another school event, Pam always made sure



of the PTSA's commitment and follow-through to ensure a great experience for the students, families and school community.

*“Education is important, for the ‘book learning,’ the social interaction and life lessons that it begins to teach. It is important that the kids realize that this is their job, their single most important responsibility – for now. What they learn and choose to take away from all aspects of school will help shape what they become. The choices they make while still in school influence that as well. And if my participation in their schools helps them become a better person – the best person they can be – then every field trip I chaperoned, every PTSA meeting I attended, every fundraiser I assisted with was worth every minute.”*

