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## Boca mom named to county's technology committee

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When the School District of Palm Beach County's Technology Committee met recently, the group included a newly appointed member.

Joining the panel was Michelle J. Bamdas, an attorney with The Law Offices of Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC. She heads its Boca Raton office.

She is also a mother of two children who attend district schools in Boca Raton, and a longtime champion for increased technology in the public schools.

Appointed to the committee by District 5 School Board member Frank Barbieri, Bamdas has served for the past two years as PTA president for Del Prado Elementary School. She has served on the school's PTA board for five years and on its executive board for four of those years.

In the fall she will remain on the school's executive committee as well as join the Omni Middle School PTSA Board. She and her husband Robert, and their children live in Estancia West. In the fall, Jillian, 8, will be entering third grade at Del Prado Elementary and Justin, 11, will enter sixth grade at Omni Middle School.

"As both an employer, who knows the importance of having technology-proficient professionals on our team, and as the father of a third generation family of children attending school in Palm Beach County, I am proud of Michelle's achievements and recent appointment," added



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*Michelle Bamdas, newly appointed member of the Palm Beach County Technology Committee and a Boca Raton resident, is shown with her husband and children.*

Gary Lesser, managing partner of Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith,

In her new position, Bamdas will work with committee members to assist the school board in developing and analyzing its technological infrastructure and performing the functions.

Governed by its charter, the technology committee is composed of seven voting community members, along with seven non-voting ex-officio members representing the school board and district employees. The seven members from the community are appointed by the board upon nomination by a board member.

"I very much look forward to serving on the committee to champion technology for all of the district's schools," noted Bamdas.

"My longtime passion in this area came from the frustration of seeing new schools

being built with technology and older schools being retrofitted while mid-age schools remained stagnant."

"During my tenure with the Del Prado PTA, I did a tremendous amount of research regarding audio enhancement in the elementary schools, and as a result the Del Prado PTA raised enough funds to equip Del Prado's kindergarten classes with audio enhancement."

Bamdas is also a member of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, currently participating in its Class of 2009 Leadership Boca program. She is a member of the Anti-Defamation League, and a member and former trustee of B'nai Torah Congregation. She is a PTO Board of The Ruth and Edward Taubman Early Childhood Center, and is a member and chairperson of its Early Childhood Committee.