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Providence Mayor Angel Taveras today nominated Nicholas Hemond -- a third-year student at RWU Law -- to serve on the Providence School Board.

From the PROVIDENCE JOURNAL: "Taveras appoints law student to Providence School Board" by Linda Borg

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Aug. 15, 2011 -- Mayor Angel Taveras today nominated law student and Providence resident Nicholas Hemond ['12] to serve on the Providence School Board.

Hemond is entering his third year in the honors program at Roger Williams University School of Law. While in law school, Hemond has continued to serve as an academic tutor and mentor at Classical High School, his alma mater.

He was also a volunteer assistant baseball coach at Classical High School for five seasons and is a volunteer baseball coach in the Providence Babe Ruth League.

The Providence School Board plays an important role in shaping public education and contributing to the transformation of our schools," Taveras said in a news release. "As a School Board member, Nick will be a strong advocate for our students, and will work diligently to ensure that our children's education is a priority."
If approved by the City Council, Hemond will replace former School Board President Kathleen Crain. Crain stepped down July 11, saying Taveras had stripped the board of its authority.

Hemond attended Robert F. Kennedy Elementary School, Nathanael Greene Middle School and Classical High School, going on to receive a bachelor's degree from Providence College in 2009.

While at Classical, Hemond received the Lieutenant Governor's Leadership Award, served as a member of the Classical High School Improvement Team and a member of student government.

"Every student in Providence should receive the same educational opportunity I enjoyed as a student in the city," Hemond said in the news release. "My strength will be that I have never broken my connection with the Providence schools. Not long ago, I was sitting in the same classrooms as our students are today, and my subsequent work with students will allow me to bring a fresh perspective to the Board."

The School Board Nominating Commission received six applications, interviewed three candidates and recommended two finalists to Taveras. The City Council has 30 days to act on Hemond's nomination.

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