## Lockport Township High School District 205

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Dear Indian Prairie School District 204 Voters:

When I was the principal at Neuqua Valley High School, Laurie Donahue was an ideal board of education member. She was a cheerleader and champion for all four of the Indian Prairie District 204 high schools, and she always stood at the ready to help me and my fellow high school principals out with anything we needed. More than advocating for us at the Board of Education level, she was ready to volunteer, pitch in, partner, and attend events. She was such a critical help when our school launched a partnership with a high school in Nitra, Slovakia. Twice we needed a family to host the faculty chaperones from Gymnazium Parovska when they visited Naperville and Neuqua with their students, and twice she & her husband Chris volunteered. The Donahues forged a friendship with these Slovakian educators that lasts until this day. Her commitment was genuine, sincere, and critical to the success of the program. She gave two generous resources to this effort - her time and commitment.

Now, as a superintendent, I see why she would be the ideal Board of Education member. She is clear thinking, calm, respectful, and interested in all sides of an issue. She listens. The opinions of others matter to her. Ideas like courtesy, consideration, and thoughtfulness are valuable to her. I can imagine her being the type of Board member always willing to answer a superintendent's phone call and always advising carefully. And she can be a critical friend. She knows how to deliver criticism constructively and with a solution in mind. Most importantly, the COVID19 pandemic demands experienced leadership. Having served a full, first term, Laurie has participated in almost 100 Board of Education meetings. She understands Indian Prairie District 204, and she would not need an orientation in May of 2021 if re-elected. She knows Board policies, and she understands how to read district finances and reports. She has insight into the current issues and complexities facing the district. She has been part of a process to hire a superintendent, and she has functional relationships with district administrators, union leaders, and staff members. Her reliability and readiness to lead are impeccable and necessary at a time when one of the largest school districts in Illinois faces one of the most challenging times in memory.

Voters in Indian Prairie School District 204 would be well served by a Laurie Donahue second term.

Sincerely,

Bob McBride

Neuqua Valley Principal, 2008 - 2019

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