Endorsement Statement for Laurie Donahue Candidate for Indian Prairie District 204 School Board December, 2020

During my last three years as Superintendent of Indian Prairie District 204, I had the pleasure of working with Laurie Donahue during her first term as a school board member. She immediately impressed me with her intelligence, commitment to <u>all</u> students, thoroughness, and dedication to the school district. Laurie is a critical and independent thinker who brought new, relevant, and actionable ideas from her professional business experience, often resulting in more efficient use of taxpayer dollars. Laurie was always ready to step in and step up when the board, district, or a school needed her. She has been a very active and visible member of the Board putting in countless hours for the benefit of the district.

Research is clear that professional, high functioning school boards contribute to higher academic achievement in school districts. Laurie Donahue is the epitome of the kind of school board member that all districts, including Indian Prairie, need and deserve. I fully endorse her candidacy for the Indian Prairie District 204 School Board.

Karen Sullivan

Dr. Karen Sullivan Retired Superintendent Indian Prairie District 204 2014-2020