

**Endorsement Statement for Laurie Donahue Candidate for Indian Prairie District 204 School Board January 2025**

During my last three years as Superintendent of Indian Prairie District 204, I had the privilege of working alongside Laurie Donahue during her inaugural term on the school board. From the start, she stood out due to her intelligence, commitment to all students, thoroughness, and dedication to our district. Laurie is a critical and independent thinker who introduced fresh, relevant, and actionable ideas drawn from her professional business and engineering background, often leading to more efficient use of taxpayer funds. She was always willing to step up and assist when the board, district, or schools required her support. As a highly active and visible board member, she continues to dedicate countless hours to the benefit of the district and the community.

Research shows that effective, professional school boards significantly enhance academic achievement within school districts. Laurie Donahue exemplifies the ideal school board member that every district, including Indian Prairie, needs and deserves. I wholeheartedly endorse her candidacy for the Indian Prairie District 204 School Board.

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