

Lockport Township High School District 205

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Dear Indian Prairie School District 204 Voters:

Six years into my role as a superintendent, I strongly endorse Laurie Donahue for another term as an Indian Prairie School District 204 Board of Education member. IPSD D204 is entering an exciting time of revitalization and construction where facilities and programs will experience a sense of renewal. Laurie Donahue offers experience, integrity, and commitment. Whether serving as a substitute teacher in the district or chairing the Board of Education as its President, her understanding of the district and her skills in leadership are invaluable.

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 ready to help me and my fellow high school principals 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 and her husband Chris volunteered. Now, as a superintendent, I understand deeply why she is an 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. Concepts like courtesy, consideration, and thoughtfulness are valuable to her. Serving as the Board's President is a significant responsibility to guide and represent the Board. I call my Board President daily on issues, and I know that Laurie has distinguished herself as conscientious and focused in that leadership role. And she can be a critical friend. She knows how to deliver criticism constructively and with a solution in mind. Most importantly, Laurie would not need an orientation to the nuances of school board work if re-elected. She knows Board policies, and she understands how to read and interpret complex 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 pass a referendum. Also, 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 is about to undertake one of the most significant facilities projects in decades.

Voters in Indian Prairie School District 204 would be well served by electing Laurie Donahue.

Sincerely,

Bob McBride, Superintendent Lockport Township High School District 205

Neuqua Valley Principal, 2008 - 2019

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