

Dear Staff/District 64 residents,

I have been one of two PREA representatives to the Park Ridge Caucus since 2004. The Caucus is a representative group that acts on behalf of a broad coalition of community groups to bring forward a slate of nominees for Board of Education elections. It is an opportunity and responsibility for the community to ensure that their interests in their community schools are heard. To my understanding, a primary leader in the Caucus moved away this year and as a result the Caucus did not get “up-and-running” with new leadership in time to be effective. In the absence of the Caucus this election cycle I have read the material that has been published in the Herald-Advocate, and coupled with my professional experience as a teacher and personal experience as a Roosevelt and Lincoln parent, I believe current and retired teachers may be interested in knowing which candidates I *would have* voted to support on the Caucus slate as a PREA Caucus rep, on their behalves.

As a PREA representative member of the Caucus, I wanted to ensure that those who may seek election to the Board of Education would maintain the focus of our District on the whole child. I feel strongly that it is THE quality that differentiates and elevates our District and its curriculum as compared to other excellent districts in Illinois.

There are 3, 4-year seats and 1, 2-year seat to be filled. Because I am very satisfied with the current direction of the District as it is put forward in the Mission/Vision statement and the Strategic Plan, I plan to support incumbents that have had a hand in crafting them. To view the current mission/vision statement and for more information about the Strategic Plan for District 64, go to:

<http://www.d64.org/subsite/dist/page/strategic-plan-1036>

To read the Q and A of all those running this year for District 64 as well as 207, you can visit the following links to **Herald-Advocate Articles:**

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/parkridge/news/3109688,park-ridge-d64brdintros-031711-s1.article>

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/parkridge/news/3131518,park-ridge-electionwrap-033111-s1.article>

Sincerely,

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