

FORM 4-24

LSC CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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SCHOOL: Waters Elementary NETWORK: \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE'S NAME: Katie Carey

DATE: 01/26/2024

I have enjoyed serving as ~~an~~ a community rep for Waters LSC for the last term, and would be happy to continue to serve in that role. Waters is an important part of this neighborhood that I love! I have conducted audits of education-related programs and grants for almost 20 years. I hope I can use the skills from my job and what I have learned over my last term to help Waters and the entire Waters community.

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SCHOOL: Waters Elementary

NETWORK: 2

CANDIDATE'S NAME: Isaac Bloom

DATE: 2/4/24

Hello Waters Elementary!

My name is Isaac Bloom, and I am a local resident and small business owner in the neighborhood. My wife and I have lived in the neighborhood for over 5 years, but recently moved into a condo just 2 blocks away. Our son Eddie is in daycare, but will one day go to Waters (he is currently 3 years old).

As we all know, schools are the beating heart of their neighborhoods, and I can't imagine a more rewarding and vital role than serving on the Local School Council. If given the opportunity to serve, I will bring with me a passion for community, a love for the arts, and the experience of a fiscally responsible small business owner.

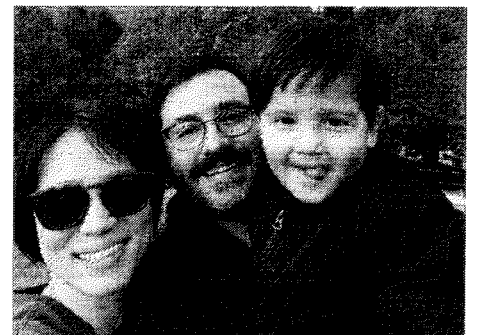
I have lived in Chicago my entire life. I grew up in Rogers Park, and have slowly made my way south to Lincoln Square/North Center.

There is no better neighborhood in the city than ours. I am thrilled to be living in such a vibrant and nature filled community - and I am excited to be a part of a school who recognizes the importance of preserving and growing the natural areas most take for granted.

I will also be bringing my coffee shop - Backlot Coffee - to the neighborhood in the spring of this year. I can't wait to get to know the parents, students, and teachers of Waters Elementary - it will be an honor, and a priveledge to serve you.

I look forward to being a part of your Local School Council for the next 2 years, thank you for the opportunity!

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CANDIDATE'S NAME: Elizabeth Kondrat

DATE: 2/5/24

I have been a resident of Chicago for over 20 years. I lived in Ravenswood for 11 years before settling in Lincoln Square. I have purchased my first home in 2022 and wish to be an active member of the community I have chosen to put down permanent roots. I care deeply for access to education and ensuring equal access to opportunities for all children of Chicago.

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NETWORK: \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE'S NAME: Pete Leki

DATE: Feb 7, 2024

I served as Chair of Waters first LSC from 1991-96. During that time I earned an interdisciplinary Bachelor's degree in Education, Ecology and Neighborhood Studies from Northeastern University. I subsequently worked with the Center for City Schools at National Louis University, and did workshops in progressive educational practices in over 50 Chicago Schools. The progressive model of educational resulted in the creation of Waters garden and ecology program, the arts program, integration of all the disciplines, activation of parents as partners in education, empowerment of student choice and agency to interact with and change the world.



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SCHOOL: Waters ElementaryNETWORK: 2CANDIDATE'S NAME: ANDREA DENNISDATE: 2.7.24

I come from a long line of educators, and it would be my honor to serve as a community member on Water's LSC. I have a deep commitment to this area, having lived in the community for many years. I bring an experienced background as a youth educator, former nonprofit board chair, and HR director. I am deeply passionate about supporting the entire ecosystem of a school: students, teachers, faculty & community members.

I live across the street from the school. I witness the walk-athons and the Halloween parade. I care about the success of Waters, and I want to volunteer my time to be of service to the community. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

In gratitude - Andrea Dennis

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