

Biographies For School Board Nominating Committee Candidates

Candidate: Myles X. Mendoza

Precinct: 1

Biography: I've devoted my life to building opportunities for children via public policy and philanthropy, developing \$450M in scholarships for over 50,000 students in Denver and Illinois. I worked as an executive leading Democrats for Education Reform's national expansion. My background includes social work at Chicago's Lurie's and Denver's Children's Hospitals, along with governance roles at the AIDS Coalition for Education, STRIVE Preparatory Schools, Rocky Mountain Prep, Governor Bruce Rauner's education team, and the Laboratory for Art and Ideas. Presently, I volunteer with AEI, aid addiction recovery at Haymarket Center, and guest lecture at Northwestern's Kellogg School.

Candidate: Rob Bailey

Precinct: 2

Biography: I am married to Leah Bailey and we have raised two daughters who attended Glencoe and New Trier schools. Before becoming an at home dad, I was the VP of Sales with RR Donnelly in the southwest region. I coached with AYSO, 18 teams over 9 years. Team members were from Glencoe, Winnetka, and Wilmette. I served three consecutive terms on the Glencoe Board of Education and served two years as president. I also served three terms on the Board of the North Shore Special Education District (NSSSED).

Candidate: Ilya Boroditsky

Precinct: 2

Biography: My wife, two children, and I feel fortunate to live within the New Trier School district. Our family places significant emphasis on the educational system. I am committed to maintaining New Trier's reputation as a top institution in preparing our students for higher education and the global stage. Professionally, I am a Portfolio Manager at an investment firm. I graduated cum laude from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics.

Candidate: Jonathan Fox

Precinct: 2

Biography: My most important jobs are husband and father to my two sons, one of whom has special needs. Apart from the reputation of the schools, one of the biggest reasons we moved to Glencoe was the small-town charm and tight-knit community. I am committed to ensuring that all our children receive a top-tier education while recognizing the critical role that parents play in determining what is best for their families. For a living I manage an investment fund and have also served as a Cook County election judge here in Glencoe.

Candidate: Seth Jackier

Precinct: 2

Biography: Originally from Detroit, I moved to Chicago in 1995. I've been an Institutional Fixed Income professional for 29 years. My wife Corey & I made Glencoe our home in 2007. We love raising our family here. A strong education is a core value of mine (as my kids may yawn to hear for the 1000th time). In caucus, my primary goal would be to ensure that the traditional educational values we all grew up on - Facts/History/Socratic Method - are reenergized & prioritized over an educator's particular viewpoint or narrative. It would be my honor to do this work for our community.

Candidate: Jonathan Wolfe

Precinct: 2

Biography: I'm a 14-year resident of Glencoe. I have one child at West School, another at Central and one at New Trier. We are involved in local athletic programs. My wife is a teacher at Reach Yoga. I run a real estate and investment company.

Candidate: Meredith Hellebusch

Precinct: 4

Biography: My name is Meredith Hellebusch and I love Glencoe so much! I grew up here and later returned to raise my own family. My husband and I have four children, ages 6, 10, 13, and 17. They attend four local schools: South, West, Central, and New Trier. I think our schools are one of the best things about living in Glencoe. I studied Military History at Barnard College, Liberal Studies at Northwestern University and in my free time, when I am not driving carpool, I love to run, swim, and drink Diet Coke.

Candidate: Rachel Zimmerman

Precinct: 5

Biography: After completing my Master's in Education, I began teaching secondary social studies in Northbrook/Glenview District 30 and the Chicago Public Schools. I then spent a decade in product development and district consulting in the educational technology industry, with a focus on college readiness products. In 2020, I opened my own educational counseling practice, working directly with students preparing for college. Active in Glencoe's civic fabric, I balance work with raising three young children—a first grader at South School and twin preschoolers at Glencoe Montessori. Passionate about public service, my experience combines education expertise and community engagement.

Candidate: Joseph Greer

Precinct: 6

Biography: Experienced Management Consultant and Glencoe resident, Joseph Greer, is a devoted husband and doting father of two. He holds an MBA from Chicago Booth and possesses a passion for learning and education. Joseph's commitment to service is evident through leadership roles in the Chicago Area Runners' Association, the Real Men Read literacy initiative, Habitat for Humanity, and mentoring with I.C. Stars. As a father, mentor, and innovator, he seeks to leverage his professional acumen and passion for education to enhance the local school board, promoting a future where every child in Glencoe thrives.

Candidate: Melissa Mitchell

Precinct: 7

Biography: As the parent of a kindergartener, I want to join the nominating committee to play a role in shaping my child's D35 experiences, and those of her peers. I've built a 20+ year career in the K-12 policy/ governance world and I want to use my expertise to support the work of the D35 board, leadership, teachers and staff. I understand what's required of school board members. I also understand the unique blend of experiences, talents and temperaments required to build effective school board teams – ones that are able to maximize the opportunities and tackle the challenges districts face today.