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Community Advisory Council to Host Candidate Forum

Four candidates running for three seats on U-46 Board of Education

ELGIN - The Community Advisory Council (CAC) will host a virtual forum on March 4 at which members of the public can learn more about the candidates running for School District U-46's Board of Education in the April 6 Consolidated Election.

"We have all seen firsthand what an important role our Board of Education members play when tough, complex decisions have to be made for our District," said CAC Chairperson Larry Bury. "We're proud that we will once again host an event that will allow members of our U-46 community to learn more about the candidates and their positions on the variety of issues that impact our schools and students."

The Board of Education (BOE) is responsible for determining the policies which guide the operation of School District U-46. Elected members serve four-year terms and are not paid for their services. It is a non-partisan position.

The U-46 BOE has seven members, along with a non-voting student advisor. In the election on April 6, voters in U-46 will choose up to three candidates on their ballots for the BOE. The top three vote-getters will be elected.



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A total of four candidates filed in December to run for a seat on the BOE. They are Dawn Martin of Bartlett; incumbent Veronica Noland of Elgin; incumbent Melissa Owens of Bartlett; and LeJewel Crigler of Elgin. The CAC's School Board Candidate Forum will start at 7 p.m Thursday, March 4 and be held virtually via Zoom. The moderator will be Madhu Krishnamurthy, a senior staff writer and education writer for the Daily Herald.

Those interested in attending can register at <u>http://bit.ly/CAC-Forum</u>. It is open to all, and Spanish language translation will be available.

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School District U-46 serves families in 11 communities: Bartlett, Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, Streamwood and Wayne, as well as portions of Carol Stream, Hoffman Estates, St. Charles, Schaumburg, and West Chicago. In total, the District encompasses 90 square miles within the Fox River Valley, approximately 45 minutes west of downtown Chicago, and includes communities within Cook, DuPage and Kane counties. More than 37,000 pre-K through twelfth graders attend the 57 District schools and programs. To learn more, Visit the U-46 website, or like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.