

**Bennett**  
**LASKO**  

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**FOR DISTRICT 112**

***Experienced, Independent Leadership***

**I am running for the school board because I believe that we must restore an unwavering focus on excellence in education, step up to our financial challenges, and put the divisiveness behind us. I have the working knowledge of the issues, professional board experience, and temperament to work with the entire District 112 team to ensure our students receive a best in class education.**

**As a member of the School Board, I will:**

- Hold educational excellence as my guiding principle in every decision.
- Promote a professional board governance culture, drawing on over twenty years' experience serving on and advising boards.
- Use my professional dispute resolution experience to model civil discourse, effective listening, and to build consensus.
- Remain independent of any special interests and always work for the best interests of the District 112 community as a whole.
- Support the ongoing work of the administration and the Reconfiguration 2.0 Committee to develop a consensus-based reconfiguration plan that achieves financial stability with minimal disruption to the community.
- Work to achieve the best educational value for the money that we spend and oppose balancing budgets year-to-year by shifting financial problems to future generations.
- Realistically assess the District's financial challenges, including the potential impacts of state and federal funding cuts, property tax revenue caps, and potential shifting of pension obligations.
- Seek implementation of a formal program to identify educational best practices in other high-performing school districts and evaluate them for potential adoption in District 112.
- Improve and professionalize two-way communications with the community, including formal programs to assess community satisfaction and seek community feedback, and making myself personally available on a regular basis to meet with and listen to community members.



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### ***Meet Bennett Lasko***

- Highland Park native, District 112 graduate, and District 112 parent for 16 years.
- Business litigation attorney in Chicago since 1988 at the City of Chicago Department of Law, partner at Mayer Brown LLP and Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, and founder of Lasko Legal Services Ltd.
- Twenty-five years' experience advising boards of directors as an attorney.
- Board member for twelve years of Redmoon Theater and over three years of Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago, including serving on their executive committees and multiple officer positions.
- District 112 volunteer since 2012 including serving on the Superintendent's Citizen Financial and Facilities Advisory Committee (SCFFAC).
- Volunteer advisor to Chicago Public School local school councils with Lawyers' School Reform Advisory Project.
- Honors graduate of both Grinnell College and Harvard Law School.
- Dedicated to keeping an open mind, seeking common ground, and building consensus for the benefit of the entire District 112 community.