

## **Lisa Garvin**

I am a current District 101 School Board member, seeking an opportunity to serve on the board for a second term. With four children attending D101 since 2002, I am an active participant in our schools. As a school board member, I bring a passion for educational excellence, as well as, a sensitivity to the social and emotional needs of our students. My professional experience as a School Social Worker in Special Education, along with over ten additional years in student service roles within education, gives me a unique perspective from the other board members. While serving my first term on the school board, I chaired the Education Committee and was a member of the Communication and Building committees. During this time, the district successfully completed building enhancements in all three of our elementary schools, supported an increase in compensation for our teachers, aides and support staff and completed a thorough research process to evaluate the success of our current kindergarten program and assess if changes were needed to the school day. I look forward to the upcoming implementation of the new district website, which will promote streamlined communication between families and their schools.

Since my children began kindergarten, I have been an active volunteer in both Laidlaw Elementary and McClure Junior High Schools. I have volunteered in a number of capacities, which has given me the opportunity to get to know our teachers and staff. By being in the school buildings, I have had a “front row seat” to understanding how our district functions and what can be done to support our students and those who directly provide service to our children. I utilize and voice this combined professional and volunteer experience with board decisions and input. As a school board member, I will continue to put the needs of our students first, while striving to make decisions that ensure the best academic and educational experience for all students in our district.

In addition to my school board experience, I have an extensive background of community board service including positions on the Laidlaw PTO, McClure Parent Council, District 101 Caucus, Lyons Swim Club, Western Springs Swim Club, Young Life, Women’s Ministry Board at Christ Church of Oak Brook and Vice President of the ONU Alumni Association. My husband Bart and I have resided in Western Springs since 2001.