

Candidate's Form

Consolidated Election Office April 4, 2023. Candidates, please respond with short sentences (like bullet points/numbered lists). Your canvassers and community members need to describe your candidacy concisely. The information we are gathering may be present on the DGTD website.

For what position are you running? List the position and the district or municipality (examples: School Board District 99, Mayor Downers Grove). *

School Board District 60

How is your name listed on the ballot? *

Priya V. Linson

What is the best way for voters to learn more about you (website, facebook or other platforms)? *

www.mprford60.org, MPRforD60 on Facebook

What experiences do you have to help you succeed in the position (e.g. employment, volunteer)? *

Professional:

- 20 years of experience working in education and education-focused nonprofits; 15 years in leadership roles, managing multiple functional areas including program, fundraising, operations, marketing & communications. Currently serve as Executive Director of OneGoal-Chicago, an organization focused on ensuring that every young person gets high quality advising to support their transition from high school into a postsecondary program. We serve over 4000 students across CPS.

Volunteer:

- 5.5 years on the Maercker D60 Board of Education, during a time where we passed 2 teacher contracts that deeply invest in our teachers, passed a referendum that allowed for the complete renovation of 2 buildings, and managed the COVID-19 crisis with minimal disruption.
- Multiple volunteer opportunities via the PTA, band, and in classrooms through my childrens' experiences in D60 (I have a current 9th grader who was in Maercker District for 8 years and a current 6th grader who has been Maercker District for almost 6 years)

What do you want to accomplish (list your top three)? *

- Enact our Equity Action Plan to achieve our top equity goals, including diversifying our teaching force and increasing on-track readiness indicators for all students.
- Develop our new strategic plan
- Ensure strong academic and social readiness for all students, seamlessly working with all three of our high schools

Why are you running (list three short reasons)? *

- We have a wonderful, diverse community that comes together in our schools which could become inclusive environments that celebrate our diversity and help every student reach their full potential
- I have vast experiences in education and leadership which positions me well to contribute to our community
- In the 5+ years I've served on the BOE we have begun great work on our Equity Action Plan that isn't yet done. I want to see it through for one more term

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