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Prospective Parent Representative for Local School Council

(I am Finnian Shaughnessy's Dad, room 201.)

My family has lived in the Bucktown neighborhood for nearly 8 years. Our son, Finnian, has been a student at Drummond starting with early childhood. I would like to be a part of the LSC so that I can help ensure that all of our children continue to get the best education possible.

Now, more than ever, it's important for the LSC to provide a forum for the school community so that we can assist the school administration. We need to join together to help find solutions when state and federal funds are so very tight. It is of the utmost importance to maintain the same standard of education our children currently receive at Drummond. We have to work as a community to find not only fiscal solutions, but other creative means to this most important end: our kids. If elected to be a part of the LSC, I promise to focus on three major initiatives.

- 1. Ensure we continue the great community-building work of the outgoing LSC**
 - a. Improve communications between the school and parents
 - b. Provides a forum for every parent to have a voice
 - c. Guide the school community toward a shared vision

- 2. Work to create real visibility into how moneys and other resources are used for our children's education**
 - a. Help the administration demonstrate what is core to our children's education and what budgets they require
 - b. Identify CPS funding and shortfalls in those funds

- 3. Help design ways we can meet funding shortfalls now and for the future**
 - a. Put into place a way for permanent and special one-time activities to fund core and non-core programs
 - b. Make sure we provide outlets that offer everyone a way to give, whether it's a gift of time, expertise or another unique contribution.