

FORM 4-26 LSC CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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CANDIDATES MAY USE THE FRONT SIDE OF THIS FORM OR ONE (1) SIDE OF ANOTHER SHEET OF PAPER OF THE SAME SIZE (8.5 IN. X 11 IN.) TO STATE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AND PLANS IF ELECTED/APPOINTED TO THE LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL. THE STATEMENT MAY BE COMPLETED IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH. IF YOU WANT TO INCLUDE A PHOTO WITH YOUR STATEMENT, GIVE THE PHOTO TO THE ELECTION COORDINATOR AT THE SCHOOL TO BE AFFIXED TO YOUR STATEMENT. THE ELECTION COORDINATOR WILL POST THE PHOTO AND STATEMENT TOGETHER

SCHOOL: PEIRCE - 610122

CANDIDATE NAME Layne Manzer

My name is Layne, and I am running for the Local School Council at Peirce Elementary because I believe strong public schools are built through care, collaboration, and active community involvement.

As a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, I understand the importance of students feeling safe, seen, and supported for who they are. I am committed to advocating for inclusive environments where every child — across identities, backgrounds, and lived experiences — feels valued and empowered to learn.

I have become familiar with Peirce not only as a community member, but also through my neighbor, who is a current Peirce student. This connection has deepened my appreciation for the school and reinforced my desire to support its students, educators, and families.

I also have a long-standing connection to Chicago’s artist and creative community. The arts played a formative role in my own education, fostering confidence, expression, and belonging. I believe access to arts education is essential, especially at a time when creative programs need continued support and advocacy within our schools.

Professionally, I bring experience in communication, organization, and collaborative problem-solving. I am thoughtful, detail-oriented, and committed to transparency and respectful dialogue.

If elected, I hope to support Peirce’s leadership, uplift community voices, and help ensure students receive a well-rounded, inclusive education that nurtures creativity, curiosity, and connection.

Thank you for your consideration and for supporting our school community.

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