

FORM 4-26 LSC CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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SCHOOL: PEIRCE - 610122**CANDIDATE NAME** Dinic, Oliver

My name is Oliver Dinic, and my daughter Sophie is a 2nd grade student at Peirce. I have served on the Peirce LSC as a parent representative since September 2024, and I would be honored to continue supporting our school and community.

I was born and raised in Macedonia and came to the United States as an exchange student. I competed on the Macedonian national water polo team, earning a silver medal at the Youth Olympic Games in Denmark. My passion for the sport later led me to coach youth programs through the Chicago Park District and Windy City Water Polo in Oak Park. Professionally, I work as a financial analyst for a large energy company, where I also serve on an equity committee and lead a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion book club.

Over the past year, the school and LSC navigated several significant challenges, including the resignation of the previous principal and the selection of new leadership. I took this responsibility seriously and was actively involved in reviewing candidates, crafting interview questions, participating in interviews and forums, and conducting reference checks.

Another key focus area for the LSC and community has been student discipline and bullying, as reports of incidents increased in 2024 and 2025. I have been strongly committed to advocating for student and staff safety and recently created the Anti-Bullying Club at Peirce (ABC) to provide resources and support. The club's mission is to build a strong foundation by focusing on prevention and intervention through education and advocacy.

If re-elected to serve on the Peirce LSC, I remain fully committed to providing the highest level of support to our school, its students, and the broader community. For any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at oliver.dinich@gmail.com or (312) 218-6197.

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