

# Jill Hutchison

Coonley Elementary LSC Community Candidate

I served as a community representative for the 2016-2018 and 2018-2020 terms. The way the Coonley community comes together to address challenges facing our school, the district, and our community is inspiring, and I would like to continue to contribute to that.

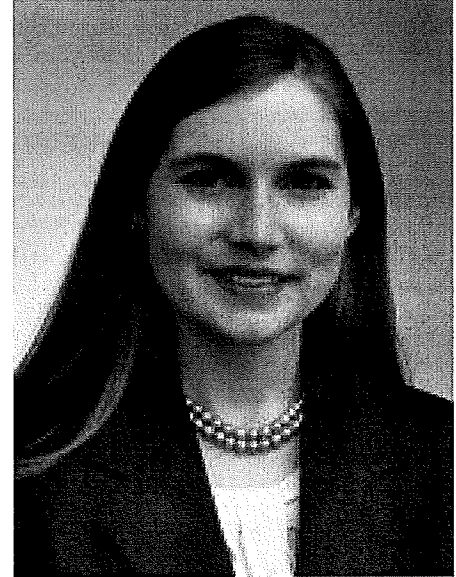
I am currently an attorney in the private sector and have two young children. My husband and I have lived in the neighborhood for nine years and, like many families in the area, moved to North Center because of Coonley.

Well-supported neighborhood schools provide a unique sense of community for both the students and the neighborhood. I am thankful for the work done by so many parents, teachers, administrators, and community members over the years to make Coonley a strong elementary school that brings together both neighborhood students and students from other parts of the city.

Experience that I will bring to the LSC includes:

- Four years as a community representative on the LSC
- Serving as LSC's Secretary for two years
- Experience working with public bodies to reach consensus and achieve common goals, including as lead attorney for an association of 130 U.S. and Canadian cities in a high profile Great Lakes water rights case
- Serving as Deputy General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer in the Governor's Office, with knowledge of the Illinois legislative process and laws that impact the LSC's operations, like FOIA and OMA
- Past member of the Board of the Junior League of Chicago and chair of its advocacy efforts, including efforts related to early childhood education and to promoting healthy lifestyles for children through recess, healthier food in schools, and other programs
- Over a decade of engagement with the Field Museum's educational and scientific mission, including as a current member of the President's Leadership Council and as past President of the Museum's young professionals group

**As a member of the LSC, I will use this experience to listen to the needs of the Coonley community, to make thoughtful decisions in the face of the challenging budget environment, and to collaborate to support the needs of all of Coonley's students.**



CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS – 2020 LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

FORM 4-20

LSC CANDIDATE STATEMENT

SCHOOL: JOHN C. COONLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NETWORK:

CANDIDATE'S NAME: JOHN J. LYNCH

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2020

Hello, and thank you for your interest in the LSC and for taking the time to read my Candidate Statement. My name is John Lynch and I am running for one of the Community Representative positions on the Coonley LSC.

I live in North Center with my wife, three sons, and my dog. I have been a labor and employment lawyer for over 26 years.

I have been a neighbor of the Coonley School since 1991. I have seen much positive change and growth at and around Coonley during the time I have been here. And I'd like to participate in keeping that going while trying to retain some of the character of the neighborhood that makes it so attractive and enjoyable.

I submitted my candidate papers back in March at the suggestion of some current and former LSC members who felt I would be a good community representative. A lot has happened since then, and much of what has happened has highlighted the importance of having an institution like Coonley in our neighborhood and city. And it has highlighted the importance of having parent and community involvement in all of our schools and other community institutions.

I have been an active member of the neighborhood and community since I moved here in 1991. In addition to being very active at St. Benedict Parish and School, I have coached youth baseball at Welles Park and youth hockey at McFetridge Sports Center. I have served as an Election Coordinator for the Chicago Board of Elections. And I have been active in local community events.

Specific to Coonley – although my three children have attended St. Benedict for elementary school, I have supported Coonley by attending and participating in the annual Spring Fling. I have attended the annual student musical with my family. And I have been supportive of efforts to improve and expand Coonley throughout the years.

Coonley is a vital anchor in the neighborhood and its continued vitality will ensure that the neighborhood remains an active, vibrant neighborhood that is attractive to families.

I ask that you vote for me in the upcoming LSC election.

Thank you again for reading.