

Dear Interested Voters,

My name is Jenna Pigeon. I am a candidate for ECUSD7 School Board. I am a daughter, sister, mother, wife, and friend. My husband, Drew Pigeon and I have three daughters – Alexis, Olivia, and Penelope. Two of our daughters attend school at Goshen Elementary, and one will be attending there in the next few years.

With respect to my personal history, I began my life in St. Clair County, Illinois and attended St. Albert the Great Catholic School until I moved to San Antonio, Texas in Second Grade. I graduated from Douglas MacArthur High School in 2003 and moved to Edwardsville, IL where my family had relocated. I attended college, along with my husband, at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (“SIUE”). I obtained my Bachelor of Science in Political Science from SIUE, and graduated in 2007. After graduating from college, I moved to Chicago, where I attended law school at DePaul University College of Law. I obtained my juris doctor from DePaul University College of Law and my license to practice law in the state of Illinois in 2012. In 2013, my husband and I elected to relocate our (then) family of three to Edwardsville, Illinois because we wanted to return to this area, to raise our children in a smaller, family-oriented community, and be closer to our family and friends. Since that time, we have only come to value this community more. One major reason we love this community is because, although smaller than Chicago, the schools here compete academically with Chicago’s best institutions.

Currently, I am a partner at a national law firm, and work out of the firm’s Madison County, Illinois office. I am licensed to practice law in the states of Illinois and Missouri.

I have received various questionnaires and requests for comment on my positions, and my reasons for joining this race. Specifically, different organizations have asked about my positions on certain topics such as the District’s budget, salary or wage increases, reinstatement of programs formerly eliminated, deployment of new programs, policies, or procedures, communication, remote learning, etc., my response is very simple – I promise to view all information with impartiality when rendering my opinion about a particular subject matter or topic; to work with interested organizations, groups, associations, parents, unions, etc., to find solutions and to employ programs and policies that will increase the academic, social, cultural, and economic opportunities of our children; and to tirelessly defend and represent our children’s’ interests as we work to restore confidence in the District 7 School Board.

I am not pursuing this position for any particular group, political organization, or individual(s) aside from the children of District 7, including my own. My goal and motivation in pursuing this position is to support programs, policies, and procedures with our children’s’ best interests and well-being as my top priority. It is the children of this District that matter most and it those children who I promise to tirelessly represent if elected to the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenna Pigeon', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jenna Pigeon

Candidate for ECUSD7 School Board