

LANSING CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD CANDIDATE SUMMARY – 2026

(Please return with your petition no later than 5:00pm, Monday, April 20th)

NAME: Monroe Makowsky
ADDRESS: 90 Bower Rd. Lansing 14882
EDUCATION: H.S. Grad '84
EMPLOYER: City of Ithaca
CHILDREN (Names and Grades): Sawyer Makowsky 11th Grade

STRENGTH(S) OF THE DISTRICT AS YOU SEE THEM:

See Attached

DISTRICT ISSUES WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDRESSED:

See Attached

STRENGTH(S) YOU HAVE WHICH WOULD MAKE YOU A GOOD BOARD MEMBER:

See Attached

ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE VOTERS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU AND WHY YOU ARE RUNNING FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD:

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Strengths of the district as I see them:

It's been clear to me, for the last 12 years, that Lansing leans on education as one of the cornerstones of our town. The opportunities that we offer our kids are above the norm. We have extracurriculars in band, orchestra, choir, football, baseball, soccer, volleyball, musical theater and the list goes on! We're sending our graduates all over the country to continue their education. We have kids joining our local workforce, going into the building trades, culinary arts, health sciences and some starting their own businesses.

Not bad for a small town.

District issues which you would like to see addressed:

The budget. We have a shortfall and it's sizable. There are tough decisions to be made just like in lots of households now. I think we can be smart with our tax dollars while continuing to give our children, every last one of them, as many options as we possibly can. Continued responsible stewardship of tax dollars to the ultimate benefit of our school.

Strengths you have which would make you a good board member:

I live to dive into large, messy problems and get to the problem solving. I love to motivate people and be motivated. I have found that my clear communication style and a healthy respect for the opinion of others always seems to help me find the way forward.

Any other information you would like voters to know about you and why you are running for the school board.

I married a really fantastic woman (Jennifer Evans - Lansing HS '84). We got married here and moved to Chicago to start our lives. I always dreamed we'd end up back in Lansing. We were living in Los Angeles when our daughter Sawyer was born. We knew we needed to find a place where a kid could grow up with room to move and where us adults could continue our careers. We considered lots of places we could go. When we looked at Lansing, it was the school report

that helped make our decision easy. So, thirteen years ago, we made the leap. I knew the school system would be solid but it turned out to be so much more. It's been a fantastic education for my daughter and I'm grateful for it. I'm grateful for this town and all the people in it. You've allowed me and mine to really make a great life here. I think it's time for me to *give back* now and I think serving on the Lansing School Board is a good way to do that.