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# NEWS RELEASE

## **John McGinnis Announces Candidacy for Reelection to the Board of Education, Area 3, of the Long Beach Unified School District**

**Long Beach, CA, August 12, 2013:** Today I am announcing that I will seek a second full term on the Board of Education of the Long Beach Unified School District, Area 3.

I am running for reelection in order to use the experience I gained in my first term to help reinvigorate visual and performing arts, school libraries, career and college counseling, nursing, early childhood education and other programs that were reduced during the past recession. As money returns, our school board will work collaboratively to restore these programs with strategic planning and experienced leadership. And we'll continue to assure the safety, equity and respect of all students regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, religion or sexual orientation.

I was first elected to the Board of Education in a special election on December 29, 2009, to finish the last six months of my predecessor's term. I began my first full term in July 2010. On July 15, 2013, I was honored to be chosen by my colleagues as President of the Board.

During my first term I served on the Board's Instruction Committee and its Business Committee. I also served with Dr. Felton Williams as a Board representative on the District's Strategic Planning Committee. In addition, I served as the District's delegate to the California School Boards Association (CSBA), where I worked on CSBA's Delegate Assembly, Linked Learning Task Force and its Annual Education Conference Committee.

I am honored to be endorsed for reelection by Superintendent Chris Steinhauser, Vice President of the Board Diana Craighead, and Board Members Jon Meyer, Mary Stanton and Dr. Felton Williams. Mayor Bob Foster, Vice Mayor Robert Garcia and City Prosecutor Doug Haubert have also endorsed me. In addition, I am endorsed by Congressman Alan Lowenthal, Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal and County of Los Angeles Supervisor Don Knabe. And former colleagues from Cerritos College who have endorsed me include Dr. Adolph Johnson, retired Dean of Academic Affairs, Charles Tilghman, retired Dean of Fine Arts, and Mark Wallace, retired Director of Public Affairs and Governmental Relations.

The Board of Education has worked well together during these difficult economic times. I look forward to using my experience to continue our Board's collaboration with administrators, teachers, staff and parents to improve student learning.

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