

# CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

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**Feb. 13** — D86 Vote Yes to Save Our Schools will hold a town hall meeting at 7:30 p.m. at The Lane School, 500 N. Elm St., Hinsdale. Learn more about the April 2 referendum to fund critical repairs and updates at Hinsdale



Central and Hinsdale South high schools. Organizers will share facts and answer questions.

## Ripani withdraws his village board candidacy

Hinsdale Trustee Michael Ripani announced Tuesday that he is withdrawing his candidacy for reelection to the village board in the April 2 election.

Ripani was first elected in April 2017 to complete the remaining two years of former Trustee Bob Saigh's term, and he had registered as one of five candidates vying for three open seats on the board, each of which carries a four-year term.

In a statement to The Hinsdalean, Ripani said serving the community has been an honor, but over the past several weeks, he has agonized over whether to run.

"In the end, I didn't want to sacrifice the time with my son over the next few months as he finishes his last semes-



ter at Hinsdale Central and prepares for college," Ripani stated. "Moreover, both of my children have graduated from Hinsdale schools, and I did not think that I could commit to staying in the community for four more years ... I felt that I should withdraw my candidacy to allow someone else who is committed to be in the community for the duration of the term, as that would better serve the residents."

Because he missed the Jan. 24 deadline to withdraw, his name still will appear on the ballot.