

Coverage of April 4 races, D86 referendum begins today

We hope Hinsdaleans took an opportunity to rest up following the Nov. 8 general election.

In two short months it will be time to elect another president — this time for the village. Hinsdale residents also will be asked to choose among four candidates for three open seats on the Community Consolidated Elementary District 181 Board and to weigh in on a \$76 million facilities referendum for Hinsdale High School District 86.

We know residents will want to be informed when they head to the polls Tuesday, April 4. We are here to help.

Our coverage begins today with a story about the top issues the village and District 181 will face over the next four years, the time period during which the next village president and board members will serve.

Next week coverage continues with a story on the responsibilities of serving as a board member. We will present biographical information on each of the candidates and list their positions on a variety of issues in charts.

Village President Tom Cauley is running for a third term as the leader of the village. Two-term Trustee Laura LaPlaca is also seeking the post.

In District 181, incumbent Gary Clarin and newcomers Margaret Kleber, Nathan Lucht and Meeta Patel are vying for three seats.

We also will run a four-part series on the District 86 referendum that begins next week. The series will cover some history, take



an in-depth look at projects for both high schools and examine the district's plans for managing enrollment now and in the future.

The majority of our coverage will conclude on March 16, one week before we share our recommendations on candidates and the referendum on the March 23 opinion page.

Finally, we will share information about the candidates in uncontested races (Hinsdale Village Board, Hinsdale Public Library Board and Hinsdale High School District 86 Board) in our March 30 issue.

We plan to hold a candidates night to afford voters the opportunity to hear firsthand from the village president candidates and the District 181 board hopefuls.

Our goal in all of these efforts over the next six weeks is to assist you, the voter, in making an educated decision on April 4. If you miss an issue, just visit our website at thehinsdalean.com. All election stories will be posted from the day they run until after the election.

As always, we welcome our readers' questions and comments, which can be emailed to news@thehinsdalean.com.