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Previous Roles as an Educational Leader or other recent leadership experience:

Over my career, I have developed a broad foundation in educational administration, governance, and member advocacy through the following roles:

School Administration: Principal (Rockingstone Heights) & Vice Principal (Fairview Heights) 8 years total in HRCE administration

Provincial & Regional Governance: PSAANS Board Member (Incumbent, 2 years)

System & Member Advocacy: : Teacher in Charge (Specialized Behavioural School, NZ) & Advisory Panel of Principals (APP) Member

Specialized & Community Leadership: Community Sporting Board Member

Experiences (governance, committees, negotiations, prior Board involvement):

I was Teacher in Charge of a small New Zealand behavioural school. In that role, I helped make daily decision in the school and had an active role in negotiating on behalf of the teaching staff.

I have been in administration in Nova Scotia for 8 years. I served as the Vice Principal of Fairview Heights, prior to stepping into the role of Principal at Rockingstone. Fairview and Rockingstone serve highly diverse and complex communities. Leading complex school communities keeps my advocacy grounded in our daily reality.

As a member of the APP, I brought voice to the concerns and experiences of school administrators at the regional level.

As an APP member, and PSAANS Board Member, I have consistently amplified administrator concerns and working conditions regionally and provincially.

I look forward to continuing to bring a strong, grounded voice to the PSAANS Board for HRCE members.

Skills & Qualities (what prepares you for Board service):

Approachable & Responsive Communicator: Highly accessible to colleagues with questions or concerns, serving as a reliable connector to regional and provincial resources.

Solution-Oriented & Empathetic: Guided by a default assumption of positive intent, prioritizing active listening, thoughtful reflection, and practical outcomes for administrators.

Leadership Philosophy: One key value or principle that guides your leadership:

Leadership Through Collaborative Problem-Solving: I believe the strongest resolutions come from bringing all stakeholders to the table. True collaboration requires open-mindedness and the willingness to navigate tough, candid conversations. In this way we consistently reach the best, most sustainable outcomes for our schools and members.

Top 2–3 key issues facing administrators that you would address on the Board:

1) Working with all stakeholders to ensure our schools and students have the necessary resources to meet the growing needs of our complex student population.

2) Working to ensure that admin feel supported in their role, promoting positive work / life balance to ensure longevity within the role and a feeling of successful accomplishment.

Contributions to your school, RCE/CSAP, or the broader education community:

Community is the essential foundation to many schools, and this is especially true for both Fairview Heights and Rockingstone. Connecting with and supporting our greater school community has been a key tenet of my role in both sites.

In my capacity on the Advisory Panel of Principals, and as a board member of PSAANS, I have tried to share concerns and champion the needs of administrators at both the Regional and Provincial level.

I feel I have advocated well for the unique needs of HRCE Administrators, and I am very interested in continuing this work into the future.

Final Thoughts:

I am excited at the possibility of continuing my work on the PSAANS board for another term. Thank-you for your consideration.