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

I have been an educational leader for nine years at three different schools in the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. I have participated in many committees at the regional level focusing on system review and change. I currently sit on two community boards outside of school (and in one case education) and have a wealth of leadership experience in a variety of organizations and settings.

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

I have many years of experience on boards and committees (both in education and external) focusing on governance and other system level matters. I have experience as a leader within the NSTU (having been an executive member of the Halifax City Local for many years). This year I am speaking at the PSAANS October Conference and have volunteered for several similar roles at both the regional and provincial levels throughout my career.

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

I believe that my experience both in education and beyond (including on a number of different Boards) as well as my strong ability to communicate prepare me to be an engaged and valuable member of the PSAANS Board. I am passionate about educational leadership and growth and am a lifelong learner myself. I value all partners in education and am a strong listener who will advocate for the well-being of our educational system as a whole.

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

One key principle that guides my leadership philosophy is that change comes from those who seek it and have the courage to pursue it.

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

- A strong voice that conveys the challenges, complexities and successes of being an instructional leader to all partners in the educational realm.
 - Transparency and strong avenues for communication amongst educational leaders and the PSAANS organization.
 - Strong advocacy for all PSAANS members at all levels in a meaningful and collaborative manner.
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Contributions to your school, RCE/CSAP, or the broader education community:

I have made many community and system contributions over my career to my schools, region and broader educational community. Currently I am a part-time instructor at Mount Saint Vincent University in the Education Department and I sit on committees that mentor pre-service and active educators. I currently sit on a community based Board that has a priority to strengthen the relationship between my school and my broader school community and have been a member of this organization now for three years. I continue to seek out meaningful and valuable opportunities to not only strengthen my own knowledge and capacity as an educator but our system as a whole.

Final Thoughts:

It would be my privilege to represent the PSAANS members of the Halifax Regional Centre for Education at the provincial table.