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**Professional Background:**

I have been a K-12 Education IT Leader for over 20 years. I am currently the Chief Information Officer of the Dysart Unified School district in Surprise AZ. I ensure that over 24,000 students have safe, ubiquitous access to information.

**What are the two most important priorities for CoSN to focus on in the next three years?**

Cybersecurity, Bridging the Digital Divide and Improving the digital experience (for both teachers and students).

**Describe your relevant experience in providing leadership to nonprofit organizations (e.g. service on boards, events, fundraising), with particular emphasis on any experience working with state or national education and/or ed tech associations**

In the early days of my career, I sat on the school board for Dysart for 6 years. This experience allowed me to gain insight to the inner workings of a school district. I lived and breathed policy, district budgets and stakeholder relationships for six full and exciting years. I feel I have gained a deeper understanding of public schools. This understanding has helped me throughout the rest of my career.

**CoSN has identified diversity as a priority for both the CTO profession and the CoSN organization. As a CoSN Board nominee, how would you help to broaden diversity and/or what experience have you had in evaluating or managing organizational diversity?**

As a Hispanic women in the IT Industry, I personally value the need for diversity. Things have changed in both IT an Education over the past 20 years...for the better. I am mindful of employing and retaining a diverse team. It is important to welcome our differences and gain knowledge from other perspectives.

**Describe your past involvement in CoSN and/or our state chapters**

As a CoSN Certified Education Technology Leader (CETL), my vision is to create an environment where students, staff and community have safe and secure access to online resources and information, an understanding of data governance and digital citizenship, and to provide an infrastructure that supports the goals of the District's Strategic Plan.

Dysart hosted a CoSN Cybersecurity Event in February 2020