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Title: Director, Instructional Technology & Support

Briefly describe your professional background and experience in education technology

I am a former elementary, and special education classroom teacher who knew would not be able to spend 30 years in the classroom so began studying computers. I was fortunate to become a Technology Coordinator, which allowed me to combine instruction and technology in my school district. Currently, I am the Director of Instructional Technology and Support. I manage the District's Technology training team, oversee the supervision of the Help Desk, IT field Technicians and manage the testing and approval process for adopting instructional software in Prince Georges County Public School District. The Technology Training Team (T3) is comprised of 18 instructional technologists responsible for training and supporting schools and offices. The District's Help Desk of 9 IT technicians and 74 field technicians supporting our 229 schools and offices.

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

I believe two important priorities for CoSN over the next three years include a focus on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI), and Cybersecurity.

Please explain how your diverse background, personal and professional, will help impact the CoSN Board.

As an African American female in the field of edtech, I am uniquely positioned to advocate against systemic inequity as well as collaborate and help in fostering a culture of collaboration and dialogue to enhance relationships.

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.

My leadership style is first to observe and then apply and provide hands-on support, etc. to help in any capacity I can. Aside from serving on the CoSN Board for three years, I also serve on the district's IT Advisory Board and support their initiatives and fundraising events. I am a member of the advisory council for The Witness Project, and my leadership comes into play through my relationships with the other leaders and members.

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 current Board member and minority, I would seek to continue my participation on the CoSN DEI committee and support equitable access to technology while equipping and empowering all stakeholders in promoting diversity in the edtech field.

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

I have served on CoSN's Board for the past three years. Prince George's County Public Schools has maintained a district membership to CoSN for more than fifteen years, and I am the district's CoSN administrator. I presented and attended a number of CoSN's conferences held in Washington, DC.