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**Provide an overview of your professional background and expertise in the field of education technology.**

Kelly May-Vollmar, Ed.D. is the proud Superintendent of Desert Sands Unified School District (DSUSD), serving approximately 27,000 students. Prior to being named Superintendent, Dr. May-Vollmar served as the district's Chief Innovation and Information Officer. Previously, Dr. May-Vollmar has served on the CoSN Digital Equity Educator Advisory Panel and the Chief Technology Officer Council and currently serves as a CoSN Board Member. Kelly was also awarded the CA IT in Education (CITE) Educational Leader of the Year award in 2019 and the Association of CA School Administrators State Technology Administrator of the year in 2019. She is passionate about bridging the divide that often exists between curriculum and technology departments as well as bridging the digital divide for all students. To this end she is thrilled to have led her district to launch their own LTE Network to address the digital divide and to be awarded the CoSN Digital Equity Award in 2021.

**Identify the top two priorities that you believe CoSN should prioritize over the next three years.**

I believe that CoSN should continue to address cybersecurity and growth of the organization. The current strategic plan has CoSN poised to achieve these two outcomes.

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

As a female leader in IT, I bring the perspective of an underrepresented group. Additionally, I came from the Ed Tech side of educational technology and grew to become the district's CTO and later Superintendent. I believe my background is rather unique.

**Outline your pertinent leadership experience within nonprofit entities (e.g. board involvement, event management, and fundraising). Highlight any notable engagement with state or national education and/or educational technology associations.**

I currently sit on the CoSN Board as well as serving on my local United Way Board, the One Future Coachella Valley Board, and the John F. Kennedy Foundation Board. I also sit on the Cal State San Bernardino Advisory Board for the Instructional Technology Program.

**CoSN places a strong emphasis on promoting diversity within the CTO profession and our organization as a whole. As a nominee for the CoSN Board, please elaborate on your strategies for enhancing diversity and share any instances where you have been involved in assessing or overseeing organizational diversity.**

Diversity must be intentional. In my organization, I have ensured that women in tech have a pathway to higher positions. I have also served as a mentor for the CA IT in Education (CITE) organization as a mentor for up and coming CTOs. In my own organization I appointed the first ever Coordinator of Equity and Diversity.

**Detail your prior engagement with CoSN and/or our state chapters.**

I have been a member of CoSN since approximately 2015. I have served on several committees such as the Chief Technology Officer committee, the Digital Equity Educator Advisory Panel, and the K12 Driving Innovation Advisory panel. I have participated in advocacy events and I have also served for the past three years as a CoSN Board member. CA does not have a state chapter but I have worked to develop a more defined partnership between CoSN and CITE.