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Detailed overview of your professional experience in education technology, including specific roles, responsibilities, and accomplishments. For more than 25 years, I have devoted my career to advancing digital equity through the federal E-rate program. As CEO of Funds For Learning, I have led efforts that enabled K-12 schools and libraries to secure billions of dollars in technology discounts, ensuring students have access to broadband and Wi-Fi. My team created the first E-rate Manager software platform, and I have worked closely with policymakers to strengthen the program, including the establishment of the \$7.17 billion Emergency Connectivity Fund.

My collaboration with CoSN began in 1998 with the Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) project. Most recently, I co-authored the E-rate Cybersecurity Cost Estimate in 2021, which quantified the nationwide expense to secure school networks and directly informed federal policy discussions. In recognition of my advocacy, CoSN honored me in 2016 with its Private Sector Champion Award, underscoring my long-standing commitment to equitable, secure digital learning.

Beyond CoSN, I chaired the Oklahoma Statewide Virtual Charter School Board, where I oversaw online education for every K-12 student in the state. In that role, I championed reforms to safeguard hundreds of millions in taxpayer dollars and fought for accountability and integrity in virtual education. I also serve on the boards of the E-rate Management Professionals Association (E-MPA) and Great Expectations, and on the Global Board of Directors for the Entrepreneurs' Organization.

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

First Priority: Cybersecurity and Student Data Protection. Cyberattacks on schools are escalating, threatening learning continuity and student privacy. CoSN must continue its leadership role in shaping policy, providing resources, and advocating for sustainable funding to ensure districts can defend their networks.

Second Priority: Equitable Access and Sustainable Funding. Despite decades of progress, gaps remain in rural and under-resourced communities. CoSN should focus on ensuring that federal programs like E-rate and future funding streams address both connectivity and equity, while also building the professional capacity of district technology leaders.

By combining strong advocacy with practical tools and training, CoSN can continue to serve as the trusted voice for school system leaders navigating rapid technological change.

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 have extensive nonprofit leadership experience spanning education, technology, and global entrepreneurship. Within CoSN, I have served as a Board member, contributor to national policy discussions, and partner on research projects such as the 2021 cybersecurity cost analysis.

From 2012 to 2020, I served as Chair of the Oklahoma Statewide Virtual Charter School Board, a role that was both challenging and transformative. I oversaw online education for all K-12 students in Oklahoma, championing reforms amidst significant challenges involving hundreds of millions of dollars of improperly managed taxpayer funds. I fought for financial integrity and accountability, safeguarding the interests of both students and the state government.

I am also Chair of the Board for Great Expectations, an organization supporting transformational professional development for educators, and I serve on the Board of the E-rate Management Professionals Association (E-



MPA). Beyond education technology, I am on the Global Board of Directors for the Entrepreneurs' Organization, helping guide strategic initiatives that serve 19,000+ business leaders worldwide. In these roles, I have led governance reforms, overseen strategic planning, spearheaded fundraising campaigns, and convened large-scale events. I consistently work across stakeholders to align mission, resources, and outcomes, ensuring organizations thrive while staying true to their core purpose.

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

My relationship with CoSN dates back more than 25 years. Funds For Learning supported the landmark Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) project in the late 1990s and early 2000s, providing essential tools for districts to evaluate and manage their technology investments.

Since then, I have partnered with CoSN on advocacy efforts to strengthen the E-rate program, including support for the modernization orders, expansion of Category 2 budgets, and creation of the Emergency Connectivity Fund. In 2021, I worked closely with CoSN to produce the Cybersecurity Cost Estimate Report, which quantified the financial requirements for school network security nationwide.

I was also humbled to be recognized with CoSN's 2016 Private Sector Champion Award, a distinction that reflects my decades-long commitment to collaboration with CoSN and its members in pursuit of digital equity for all students. Additionally, I have presented at CoSN events, engaged with state chapters, and supported the CoSN CTO Academy as part of FFL's sponsorship efforts.
