



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FORM Office of Public School Trustee

APPLICANT INTEREST

Please explain why you feel you should be the successful candidate for the position of Trustee, Wards 1, 2 and 3 (maximum 1000 words). Outline your commitment to public education as reflected in your involvement in Greater Essex County District School Board public schools or its committees, including your background, qualifications, interests, experience, and experience that support your candidacy.

I envision a future role as a Greater Essex County District School Board Trustee as a continuation of my lifelong association with public education in Ontario.

With 2 children currently attending Roseland Public School, I often reflect on this enduring connection. My maternal grandfather became an elementary school teacher after a long career in Canada's Armed Forces. Nothing made him prouder than the success of the young people in his classes. During my early years he used his military bearing and teaching experience to drill me on the importance of education! A lesson I embraced and appreciated.

My own elementary and secondary education was within the GECDSB initially at Bellewood Public School and the Vincent Massey Secondary School.

I have always taken an abiding and active interest in the education of my children who are now in Grade 4 and SK. Besides the vital work with them at home and regular communication with their teachers and school administration, I have been an active member of the Roseland Parent Involvement Committee. This has allowed me to have a positive influence and advocate for all the children in the school and their families.

My vocational experience in retail and service industries has always benefitted from learning skills I developed in school and my ardent belief in the value of life-long learning.

Currently as a manager I not only understand the importance of balancing budgets and maintaining company standards, but I fully accept the needs and lived experience of my staff and the customers we serve.

It is my conviction that we can gather and share knowledge from and with everyone in our community.

I also firmly believe that all children have the right and the ability to learn. As a Trustee I would endeavor to bring these tenets to the responsibility. I will add my voice to this purpose and effectively represent all children and their families to the best of my ability, without concern for personal gain or political distractions.

Reason and respect would be my priorities and my personal doctrines. I will serve, understanding the powers and limitations of the role for the betterment of children, the organization and our communities.