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Applicant Interest	
<p>I have a young family, and my son currently attends Junior Kindergarten at Elgin Street Public School. I currently serve as Chair of the Advisory Committee for Extended Day and Child Care Programs, and have extensive experience with early learning and child care policy in Ontario.</p> <p>I previously served as a Senior Advisor to the Minister for Early Years and Child Care where I worked closely with staff across departments at the Ministry of Education. A large part of my role was developing and executing effective communications strategies to help parents understand how the public education system in Ontario seeks to provide the best experiences and opportunities for their family and their children. This included extensive and direct interaction with media across Ontario.</p> <p>I believe that our public education system is in the midst of significant and generational change. As children and families deal with a rapidly changing age of accelerated information, they increasingly look to our schools as sources of stability and safe spaces for students to explore their individuality while being challenged to grow in an environment where they are also given the tools to succeed both inside and outside the classroom. This places additional pressures on our educators, staff and facilities.</p> <p>These are significant challenges which the OCDSB is committed to meeting. As an experienced communications professional, I have been engaged in complex policy development, always with an eye for how we can help those affected by policy understand what it means to them and how it will affect their lives. Complex systems and challenges require careful and considered policy responses. I have always believed that while it's important to get complex policy right, it is often equally important to challenge ourselves to communicate those policies as simply and accessibly as possible.</p> <p>As a Public School Trustee representing Zone 10 I would enthusiastically bring together my passion for my son's education success with my extensive experience in public policy and communications to effectively represent my constituents and support the work of the Board and OCDSB staff.</p>	