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<p>There are a number of reasons I feel would contribute to me being a successful candidate for the position of Trustee with the OCDSB, in particular, the Somerset/Kitchissippi zone.</p> <p>First, is my history with the school board. I am a product of having gone through every school year at an OCDSB school and both middle and high school levels within Zone 10 school (Glashan and Lisgar). I have fond memories of my time as a student and think that being a Trustee would be a way of giving back to the school board and schools that helped shape who I am.</p> <p>Zone 10 also represents where I live and where my son has just started in JK this year. The Somerset/Kitchissippi zone is very unique in its cultural and demographic diversity.</p> <p>Second is my experience and expertise. I completed my B.Ed at the University of Ottawa, doing my practicums within the OCDSB. Studying education opened a number of doors to a greater understanding of where education is and where it is going. After finishing teacher's college I worked in schools in England and Cambodia where I gained insight into the workings of very different school systems.</p> <p>Thirdly, having worked in community journalism for the past seven years I have a particular passion for ensuring fair representation, clear transparency and streamlined and accessible communications. Solving problems often comes down to asking the right questions, fielding opinion and consulting experts.</p> <p>I appreciate that this position is being appointed and as such I know I would have to work hard to gain the trust and affinity for those I would represent. With the struggles parents, teachers and students presently face it's even more important than ever to have a strong voice to ensure the best education, experience and potential for all students.</p>	