

**Dear AASA Colleagues,**

Leadership in our profession is not about title or tenure. Instead, it is about service, to our students, staff, and communities. I am seeking the presidency of AASA because our association deserves leadership grounded in daily practice, measurable results, and an unwavering commitment to students.

For more than 30 years, I have worked alongside educators and communities to build systems that expand opportunity. As superintendent of Ridgewood High School District, I have led efforts that place our district among the top in Illinois in competency-based education, career pathway endorsements, and dual credit participation. These are not abstract ideas. They are outcomes that ensure students graduate prepared, credentialed, and positioned for success beyond high school. This work exemplifies the Public Education Promise.



Beyond my district, I remain deeply engaged in national leadership spaces, including the AASA Governing Board, AASA Executive Committee, Superintendent Certification Program, and the League of Innovative Schools, always asking how learning can be translated into action. I mentor aspiring superintendents across the country, focusing particularly on women preparing to lead, because strengthening our profession requires strengthening one another.

Our collective voice is the most powerful tool we have. This run for office is a commitment to elevate our collective work and strengthen a national voice that is as diverse as our districts and as unified as our purpose. AASA must remain a credible advocate for superintendents in every context, grounding its work in real experience to ensure no leader stands alone.

Since leadership is earned through doing the work, it would be my honor to continue that service on behalf of our profession and our students.