I am a product of the public school system and have benefitted from caring and inspiring teachers, staff and coaches who helped shape who I am today. Throughout my life I have been centered on lifting up others with a purpose to inspire them to live a life of fulfillment as their best selves. I am in my second term on the Peoria Unified School District governing board and fourth consecutive year as its President. I currently serve as the Executive Director for the Arizona Latino School Board association and as the lead for the American Cancer Society’s Cancer Action Network (ACSCAN) representing congressional district 8.

My roots run deep in the City of Peoria, with my mom’s side of the family graduating from Peoria HS in the 1930s and 40s and my Aunt Toni being the first Hispanic woman business owner in the City of Peoria. The Lebario family (my mom’s family) were amongst the original settlers and cotton farmers in Peoria. My wife is a product of the Peoria Unified School District, she graduated from Cactus HS in 1987…our children both graduated from Sunrise Mountain HS. We have lived in the City of Peoria since 1997.

I want to ensure that our most valuable assets, our youth, are given an equitable opportunity to be successful throughout the cradle to career continuum…regardless of what zip code they live in. It is important to me to ensure that all of our employee groups and students come to work and school every day feeling inspired and in safe and supportive environments. During my tenure on the governing board, the District has increased its starting teacher pay to just over $50,000/year, has included staff in retention stipends and continues to prioritize the lives that it serves every day. Our high school seniors continue to increase their scholarships awarded year over year, with 2023 being at $78M. Peoria Unified is the fourth largest school district in Arizona with 42 schools (K-12) and continues to be intentional with meeting students where they are. This has resulted in 37 of its 42 schools being A and B rated by the state of Arizona with all of its high schools being A and B rated.

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