



**Banning Lewis Academy (BLA)
Board of Directors Application for Election or Appointment**

Name: Guin Leeder

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SECTION 1

Please note that the information included in Section 1 may be published to the parents and guardians of children enrolled at BLA. This is how the school stakeholders and Board of Directors (BOD) will learn about you and your experiences.

Experience and/or Employment (You may attach a brief resume or extend to additional pages if desired):

a. Describe any experiences as a Director with a Board or similar leadership entity (e.g., Council, executive role)? (please list organization, the position held and responsibilities)

I have been a member for the BLA Board of Directors for one year. As a board member, I was on the Policy and Governance Committee, and led efforts to create needed policy such as the new grievance policy and procedure and the interim snow day guidance for BLPA athletic events, and to make necessary updates to other guidance such as the election and appointment processes. I have a Masters Degree in Business Administration, which provided me with accounting, marketing and finance education, though I have not relied on that in my Air Force career.

b. Describe relevant community or employment experiences that would make you a qualified member of our school board. (please list organization, the position held and responsibilities)

Air Force experience: I served for 23 years in the Air Force, focused on policy, strategy and planning for space operations. I developed strategies and plans to achieve strategic objectives. I worked across interagency partners like NASA, Department of Commerce and Intelligence Community entities to draft national, departmental and regional policies and procedures for space missions. I worked with senior executive leadership to create strategic and operational level approaches and solutions to complex problems like sharing select Department of Defense satellite information with every global space operator to prevent satellite collisions, and options for buying commercial data to supplement DoD data.

BLA Volunteer activities: After retiring from active duty, I committed to spend significant time volunteering at Banning Lewis Academy. I served for 5 years as the Chair of the School Accountability Committee (SAC), leading the team through state-mandated reviews of student performance and improvement plans and other topics, and represented our school at the District Accountability Committee. I was the parent support lead for BLRA and BLPA robotics clubs. I currently serve as a BOD board member, and act as chaperone for band trips and set up fundraising opportunities for track and cross-country teams. I also support the District 49 (D49) District Accountability Committee as a member of their charter review committee that evaluates all