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Dear Colleagues,

Like many of you I have felt disheartened by the leadership turmoil that has engulfed our school over the past several months. The impact on our school's culture, the erosion of collegial trust, and the strain on our relationships have been difficult to witness. But having been a faculty member at Gustavson for nearly 15 years, I've also witnessed how resilient we can be and what we're capable of when we choose to move forward together. Now more than ever, I think we need to channel our energy into rebuilding trust and thinking strategically about our long-term leadership needs and how to meet them together.

I am putting my name forward for the Dean's appointment committee because I want to be part of a process that helps us do this. If elected, I will approach the role with openness and impartiality, working constructively with all colleagues to steward a transparent, fair, and inclusive process that upholds the values we share as a school. My approach will be grounded in a commitment to listening, communicating openly, and acting with humility and integrity. I see this as an opportunity to help rebuild the trust and strong, collegial culture that drew so many of us to Gustavson in the first place. Thanks for your consideration.