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I am writing to let you know that I have submitted my name for consideration as the Vice President for Custodial, etc. staff of the Herricks Teachers' Association (HTA). I know that the way to move forward is to work together, and it is my intention to work closely with other members and keep track of their concerns.

In 1989, I began work as maintenance and cleaning engineer in the Carle Place School district, and recognized the problems that support staff faced, dealing with tightening budgets and greater demands. I acknowledged how hard my colleagues worked to find solutions to these problems, and it was great to contribute to those solutions working together.

I have also been self-employed, performing building maintenance and office cleaning as an independent contractor. This gave me the opportunity to learn how to juggle many tasks and pressures at the same time, all while managing to keep performance up to the standard required by my customers.

In my last job at New Hyde Park Memorial High School, I was the high school maintainer, responsible for all of the maintenance and operations of the equipment. In this role, I had to coordinate most jobs with other colleagues, and the ability to work well with people and manage projects helped me a great deal.

In my time in Herricks, I have had the opportunity to work closely with many members of our custodial, grounds, transportation and maintenance colleagues, and have worked hard to develop good working relationships with all of them. Along the way, I believe that I have seen a need to unite and coordinate our efforts, and address our concerns in a way that brings satisfaction to all of us.

It is my intention to bring a voice to the concerns of the people I work with, to bring to the HTA executive board their concerns and their ideas. It is very important to me to make sure that my colleagues have a voice at the table, in a union the values members from all of the various professions that contribute to the success of the Herricks schools.

I would be pleased to speak with you and address your questions or concerns. Thank you for your time in reading this, and thank you for your kind support.