Dear Alsea School Board Members,

My name is Ashlee Olsen, and I am writing to express my interest in being considered for the open position on the Alsea School Board. My desire to serve comes from a genuine commitment to the Alsea community and a strong belief in its future. I want to see Alsea thrive, grow, and continue to be a place where families feel supported, young people have opportunities to succeed, and community members work together toward a shared vision for the future.

As the Program/Site Director at the Alsea Center, I have the privilege of serving our community, building meaningful relationships, and creating opportunities that bring people together. Through my professional experience, I have worked closely with schools and understand the value of collaboration between educators, families, community organizations, and local leadership in supporting students and strengthening communities.

One of my most meaningful experiences has been creating and running a Youth Action Council. This experience allowed me to support young people in developing leadership skills, finding their voices, sharing their ideas, and becoming actively involved in their community. It reinforced my belief that young people deserve to be heard, valued, and given opportunities to help shape their futures. I believe investing in our youth is an important part of building a stronger Alsea for generations to come.

I see our schools as an essential part of the heart of our community. When we support our students, families, and educators, we invest in the future of Alsea as a whole. I want to help foster strong relationships between our schools and the community, listen to the needs and perspectives of others, and support an environment where students have the opportunities and resources they need to succeed.

I also recognize that a strong community includes people with different experiences, perspectives, and opinions. I value the opportunity to listen to viewpoints different from my own, approach difficult conversations with respect, and work collaboratively toward common goals. I believe effective leadership is not about everyone agreeing on everything, but about being willing to listen, learn from one another, and make thoughtful decisions with the greater good in mind. As a school board member, I would strive to build trust, encourage open communication, and work respectfully with fellow board members, educators, families, and community members, even when we disagree.

If given the opportunity to serve on the school board, I would bring a community-focused perspective, a willingness to listen and learn, and a commitment to collaboration, integrity, and open communication. I understand that serving on a school board carries an important responsibility, and I would approach the role thoughtfully, keeping the best interests of students and the long-term well-being of the Alsea community in mind.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I welcome the opportunity to serve the Alsea School District and contribute to the future of our community.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Olsen