

M. Areeb Aijaz, MBA, CPA

M. Areeb Aijaz is a finance and strategy leader with over **15 years of professional experience** working for **Fortune 100 companies** and serving the **Canadian Red Cross**. As a Chartered Professional Accountant (**CPA**) and **MBA graduate**, he has built a career focused on **financial stewardship, strategic decision-making, leadership, and community impact**.

Beyond his professional achievements, Areeb is the founder of a private community organization for kids in Niagara region dedicated to **developing public speaking and leadership skills in children**, helping young people **build confidence and communication** abilities from an early age.

Areeb is passionate about creating opportunities for all students to succeed and is committed to ensuring that every child feels represented, supported, and prepared for the future. His key priorities include:

- **Mental health and well-being for children**, ensuring students have access to the support they need to thrive academically and personally.
- **Responsible and effective use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)** in education to enhance learning while promoting ethical, safe, and practical implementation.
- **Representation of visible minorities** on the DSBN Board and in decision-making processes.
- **Public speaking, communication, and leadership development**, creating opportunities for students to build confidence, develop critical thinking skills, and become future leaders in their schools and communities.

Combining financial expertise, strategic vision, and community leadership, Areeb is committed to advocating for students, families, and educators while helping build a stronger and more inclusive educational environment for future generations.