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Dear Search Committee,

It is my distinct pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Scott Rudes, with whom I have had the honor of working with for over a decade. I have served as the Magnet Coordinator at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in the Dallas Independent School District for over 29 years. Dr. Rudes' extraordinary leadership and unwavering commitment to educational excellence places him among the best principals in our school's 100-year history.

Dr. Rudes served as the Principal of our esteemed institution, and his tenure was marked by a transformative impact on our school community. His leadership style is characterized by inclusivity and collaboration. Dr. Rudes possesses an innate ability to build consensus among diverse groups, fostering an environment where every stakeholder feels valued and heard. His approach to leadership ensures that decisions are made with the collective input of faculty, students, and parents, leading to outcomes that benefit the entire school community.

One of Dr. Rudes' most notable achievements was his successful execution of a comprehensive five-year strategic plan. This plan not only set ambitious goals but also outlined clear, actionable steps to achieve them. Under his guidance, our school saw significant improvements in academic performance, arts integration, and community engagement. Dr. Rudes' strategic vision and ability to navigate complex challenges were instrumental. He developed and implemented a "Closing the Opportunity Gap" initiative for our students, providing them with enhanced resources and support to succeed.

Dr. Rudes is deeply committed to fostering a strong sense of community within the school. He has cultivated partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and arts institutions, enriching the educational experience for our students and extending learning opportunities beyond the classroom. His dedication to community-building has created a supportive and nurturing environment where students thrive both academically, artistically, and personally.

Throughout his tenure, Dr. Rudes demonstrated a profound dedication to equity and inclusion. He worked tirelessly to ensure that all students, regardless of their background, had access to high-quality education and the opportunity to pursue their passions. His efforts in closing the opportunity gap have left a lasting legacy at our school, empowering students to achieve their full potential.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly believe that Dr. Rudes would be a tremendous asset to your organization. His exceptional leadership skills, ability to build consensus, and commitment to community make him an ideal candidate for any leadership role. I am confident that he will continue to inspire and lead with the same passion and effectiveness that he demonstrated at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information or if you would like to discuss Dr. Rudes' qualifications in more detail.

Sincerely,

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