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To whom it may concern,

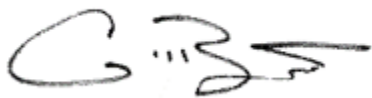
I am writing this letter in regards to Ms. Jane Beeninga. I have had the privilege of knowing Janie from 2017-present while working in ISD #191 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage. I also had the honor of being one of her principals in the same district. Our community setting is a diverse, inner ring suburban area south of Minneapolis. We have multilingual students, newcomers, students living in significant poverty. Janie is an exceptional teacher who has helped transform our school climate into a student centered, engaging, learning community where all students can flourish regardless of circumstance.

Ms. Beeninga is very skillful when it comes to working with all students. She is able to quickly form meaningful, authentic, and sustaining relationships with students and families. She is then able to use strong, effective, and innovative instructional strategies to leverage positive relationships into profound learning experiences. Ms. Beeninga's learning spaces are vibrant, engaging, which includes students using each other as resources to support learning. Her classroom is stamped with rich vocabulary, visual representations to provide meaningful interaction, student persistence, high expectations, and mutual respect amongst all community members. Janie uses clear communication, consistency, innovation and care to empower students to take ownership over their own learning.

Finally, it should be noted that Ms. Beeninga is also a profoundly effective leader amongst the staff. She has been a member of our Building Leadership Team, multilingual design teams, and also serves as a mentor to so many staff members. I have witnessed, first hand, Janie's influence with her peers in high impact professional development sessions she has helped lead. Her strong, relentless advocacy for all students and ability to lead through influence and by example makes the entire school community more equitable for all students. She is able to impact colleagues in a positive way that yields strong organizational growth. I have zero doubt that Ms. Beeninga will benefit any organization fortunate enough to hire her.

If you have further questions, feel free to contact me at any time 952.707.2015 wk or 612-790-6687 cell).

Sincerely,



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