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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write in support of Jeff Noedel as a candidate for your position. I have known him for over five years as an important professional colleague, community supporter, and friend. While I understand he is likely a candidate for a journalism related position, he is capable in a much broader professional arena and may be applying outside of journalism.

Jeff Noedel has several qualities that are important for success. I have firsthand knowledge of his integrity, good judgment and discretion. He holds the latter in tension with his willingness to ask hard questions and hold public figures accountable to the public. He is sharp of mind and insightful in his assessment of people and situations. And yet, I have found him to be quite compassionate and careful in times when unfiltered communication would only harm people.

Among the many times I have admired Jeff's character was the evening of February 12, 2013. We had gathered for dinner prior to our regular school board meeting. Jeff was aware of a tragic car accident that touched the families of two of our board members. First, as always, Jeff's wisdom prompted him to call me and break the news so that we could handle the board meeting and the affected directors with care and concern while taking care of necessary business. Second, Jeff's coverage was accurate, fair, balanced, and yet discrete. I'm sure his business interest would have been better served with some sensationalism but he understood that sometimes the dollar must take a back seat to the greater good.

With that said, let me share with you that Jeff is not a bit afraid to take on issues that do serve the greater good. Neither is he afraid of taking risks. His sense of entrepreneurship has been an incredible gift to our community and is an asset he will bring to your organization. He is a mature thinker who knows how to make things happen for himself and others. I assure you that I have no reservation about recommending him. He will be a credit to anyone who hires him.

Respectfully,

Dr. Chris Neale,
Superintendent



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