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RE: Recommendation for Chrystal Street

To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to compose this letter of recommendation for Chrystal Street. I became acquainted with Chrystal when she first enrolled at Indiana State University seeking the Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree. She not only completed her Ed.S., but became the first student at Indiana State University to complete the Director of Curriculum and Instruction program. Chrystal is in the process of completing the coursework of the Ph.D. program. I have served as one of her professors, her program advisor, and am presently serving as her dissertation chair.

Chrystal took on a great responsibility of the K-12 principal at Medora. As the only principal of this K-12 school with only a part-time superintendent, Chrystal has needed to be a bit of everything. She has taken on challenges other principals will never face. Additionally, her school was a failing school for multiple years. Chrystal, through her leadership, has raised the grade presently to a "C", which is quite an accomplishment. She has managed this by writing grants, bring in curriculum and data experts, initiating new efforts with her staff and receiving buy-in from her teachers. I have been so pleased with her efforts. She has done a remarkable job in helping turn Medora in the right direction.

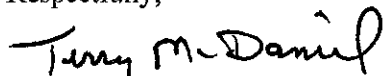
Chrystal is able to work with all stakeholders. I have witnessed the support she has from the parents and the community. They love and support her. She has accepted many responsibilities of district leadership normally assigned to the superintendent. This truly demonstrated her ability as a district administrator.

As documented above, Chrystal possesses the unique ability to transform a struggling school into a high performing student-oriented unit. She is an industrious individual who models the level of dedication she expects in others. She spends countless hours working at school for the betterment of students. She is very humble and does not seek personal attention, instead willing to empower others and allow colleagues to be in the limelight. She has a pleasant personality that makes her a comfortable colleague in any group.

Chrystal is also a very intelligent educator. Her strengths are her knowledge and ability to lead in terms of curriculum, instruction, and assessment. She has applied his knowledge and skills to help staff improve their teaching skills. She is willing to make the decisions necessary to assure a strong staff.

Chrystal is ready for a greater challenge. She is very selective in terms of applying for other leadership positions. She is seeking a district that she feels is a perfect fit both her for the district and the district for her. I would strongly recommend Chrystal as a top candidate and one you should interview. You will not be disappointed!

Respectfully,



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