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To Whom It May Concern:

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Christina Kishimoto. Dr. Kishimoto is an excellent leader and very knowledgeable of every aspect of education at the PreK – 12th grade level.

Dr. Kishimoto joined Gilbert Public Schools in July 2014 as the superintendent of the school district. GPS was at a low when Dr. Kishimoto arrived with an approximate loss of \$30 million in funding, a divisive school board, and low employee morale. We were fortunate to hire her at that time. Her experience, skills and drive were what we needed.

Over the past 2 ½ years, she has been amazing and accomplished so much in moving the school district forward. She guided and assisted with building board governance. Her strategic vision helped develop a 3-year strategic operating plan that the board and district have utilized to achieve the goals over the years. She was successful in passing a M&O Override and a Bond Override after 2 failed attempts with the previous superintendent. Her innovation, creativity and technology focus has moved the district in a positive direction and sets a high standard in the PreK – 12 education environments. She has built staff relationships and improved morale over the years. Dr. Kishimoto has created excellent relationships and partnered with the Town of Gilbert, businesses, higher education institutions and the Gilbert Education Foundation on educational initiatives. Also, her efforts on student voice has moved the focus on the needs of the students as learning environments change.

I highly recommend Dr. Christina Kishimoto for any educational leadership position. I have known Dr. Kishimoto over the years as a governing board member of Gilbert Public Schools. She has a deep passion for education, a true advocate for children, a forward thinker on growth and innovation and dedicated to ensuring a quality education for all. Any organization would be pleased to have Dr. Kishimoto.

Sincerely,



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