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School of Education and Human Services

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter supporting Mr. Jarod McGuffey as he pursues a building level administrative position. I first met Jarod when he was a student in Oakland University's Education Specialist program, and I have worked closely with him as he plays an important role in the Galileo Institute for Teacher Leadership also at Oakland University.

I am confident that he is prepared and ready for his first administrative position. In addition to completing the two-year Galileo Teacher Leadership Academy, he earned his Education Specialist Degree at Oakland as part of the elite cohort composed of Galileo Leaders. This provided him with an appreciation of the important role that teacher leaders can play in their schools along with the administrative skills needed to nurture teacher leadership.

Jarod is beginning his second year as a Galileo 3.0 Fellow. He is one of two Galileo alumni selected for this two-year experience, which is designed to promote public education advocacy beyond the classroom, school and local districts. In this role he has created the Trusted Voices network of teacher leaders and established relationships with organizations including the Michigan Education Association, Teach to Lead and the Teacher Union Reform Network. During the past year he has organized and led three teacher leader "Meetups" designed to inform and expand the teacher leader advocacy network. As a 3.0 Fellow he has demonstrated extraordinary organization, initiative, enthusiasm and interpersonal skills.

Moreover, he continues to serve with distinction as an instructional coach in the Fraser School District. Throughout the district he is regarded as an excellent leader, passionate educator and strong advocate for all children.

Perhaps most important, Jarod McGuffey is a fine human being who exemplifies the highest standard of personal and professional conduct. He will be an outstanding administrator, team member and role model. In short, he has my enthusiastic endorsement.

Please feel free to contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,



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