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Dear Local School Council Members:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Mrs. Marsandra Brown for your Principal position. As a longtime Instructional Support Leader, mentor and coach of numerous educators, she is uniquely prepared for the challenges of school leadership. Her aptitude for analyzing data and supporting others to act on it has been instrumental in improving student achievement at Eberhart School and several others.

Mrs. Brown has been my colleague since January of 2020 when she was assigned to support my school. Whether leading professional learning for classroom teachers, coaching teacher-leaders, or supporting administrators, Ms. Brown has had a positive impact on teaching and learning at my school. During the pandemic school closure, Mrs. Brown led our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) in learning about digital platforms for assessment and skill practice. She helped the team plan a school-wide rollout of Checkpoint, a platform teachers could use to create tasks and assessments for their students.

At present, Mrs. Brown is supporting our ILT in developing a cycle of continuous improvement for the school. Collecting, analyzing and acting on data about rigorous instruction is at the core of the learning cycle. Mrs. Brown often shares articles and other resources with administrators and teachers she supports. She is a dedicated, lifelong learner. Her diverse experiences as an educator and leader have prepared her for the role of Principal.

Moreover, Marsandra Brown loves children and is passionate about preparing them for bright futures and opportunities in life. Her support to our teachers has been both academic, and social-emotional. She knows these areas are inseparably linked. Mrs. Brown has a heart for young people and sincerely believes that providing them with love, acceptance, and the best possible education is the responsibility of every educator. This is transformative for a school community.

Your school community will be in good hands if you select Mrs. Marsandra Brown as your school's next leader. If you have any questions or need any additional information about Mrs. Brown's work, please call me at 773-535-9191.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nneka H. Gunn". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Nneka H. Gunn
Principal