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To Whom It May Concern:

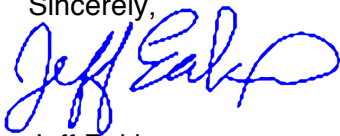
This letter is intended to serve as a letter of recommendation for Ms. Kristine Hensley. Ms. Hensley is a Supervisor in the Professional Development Department for Hillsborough County Public Schools, which is the 7th largest school district in the nation. Until March of 2020, I served as the Superintendent of Schools for this school district.

Ms. Hensley has an extensive record of leadership in our district. She has written and facilitated grants, launched strategic initiatives, and provided direct training and support to our local schools. She has also managed budgets and resources, as well as overseen state and federal compliance requirements.

In her current Supervisory role, Ms. Hensley has launched, directed, and managed the federal Project Prevent Grant. This is a key component of the school turnaround work in our district. Ms. Hensley specifically spearheaded the pilot implementation of Restorative Practices and Trauma Sensitive Schools and Classrooms to ensure fair and equitable discipline practices across the district. She created and provided high quality job-embedded professional development for school administrators, leadership teams and staff using a coaching support model. The data has shown that the Project Prevent Grant is making a huge difference with the climate and culture at the participating schools, and that strong conditions exist to ensure student success. These outcomes can be attributed directly to Ms. Hensley's leadership. Because of the impact of her work, Ms. Hensley has presented to the school board as well as other leadership groups in our district.

Due to her experiences and accomplishments, I ask that you strongly consider Ms. Hensley for the position for which she is applying. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jeffeakins65@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



Jeff Eakins
Former Superintendent
Hillsborough County Public Schools