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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Anderson Travis. It has been my absolute pleasure and joy to work alongside Anderson at Wyatt Academy for the last five years. During their time at Wyatt, Anderson has had a monumental impact on the Wyatt Academy Community - both inside and outside of the classroom.

At Wyatt, one of our core values is wonder. This is a value that Anderson embodies in so many ways, both as a teacher, a learner, and a peer. Anderson is committed to their own professional growth, and has been an active participant in a plethora of training. Some of the most impactful examples of this are professional developments centered around Trauma Informed Teaching, LGBTQ+ Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Implicit and Explicit Bias Training. Anderson has also gone outside of the realm of their usual responsibilities to learn and grow in the areas of SpEd, Gifted and Talented, phonics instruction, early literacy, intervention, and more. The theme of wonder has extended into long lasting traditions that Anderson has implemented at Wyatt, including Architecture Day, Gingerbread House Family Day, and Dinosaur November.

Anderson provides and cultivates an environment of high academic expectations while maintaining an atmosphere of nurturing and compassion. They are a wonderful professional and when in Anderson's classroom, students feel safe to take risks and to truly be themselves.

The core value that most distinguishes Wyatt, and Anderson, is community. Anderson has consistently gone above and beyond their regular duties to meet the needs of our students and their families. There are too many examples of this to list. Perhaps some of the most special are the Black Love Murals that Anderson fell in love with at the Black Love Mural Festival at Civic Center Park, and made it their mission to have them donated and installed at Wyatt. Anderson has arranged for hair cut donations and a visit to the salon for 50 of our families, and has sought out donations of over 200 coats and backpacks. This summer, Anderson took an active role in mobilizing our staff to take action and to stand up for Black Lives Matter. Inviting us to marches, book clubs, and beyond will have a lingering impact on my life and the person that I aspire to be. At many marches, there was a public interest in Anderson's hand painted Black Lives Matter signs. They went on to sell these signs, and donate all of the funds to our Family Empowerment Center.

Anderson is an all-around special person and an ambassador for all that they represent. I am confident that Anderson can accomplish anything they set their mind to and would be an asset to any school; potentially adding diversity, a new way of thinking and personality to the team. I wish Anderson much continued success in all of their endeavors, and I believe that any school would be lucky to have them! Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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