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To whom it may concern:

Please accept this letter as my expression of support for Dr. Marvin H. Jeter, III. I have observed him as he has performed in the capacity of change agent in moving a culturally isolated rural school into the twenty-first century with a priority for serving all children well.

I worked with Dr. Jeter in Madison County School District where I served as District Director of Curriculum and he directed the curriculum development for the magnet program at Velma Jackson High School. The District was charged with the responsibility of reinventing an underperforming school as a progressively designed site for unique and outstanding educational opportunity. We hired Marvin initially to support the recruitment for the program and within a few short months, the community requested that he be promoted to the curriculum position because of his uncommon ability to bridge the cultural challenges.

I was impressed with the commitment that Dr. Jeter demonstrated as he tirelessly researched magnet school philosophy, interdisciplinary thematic instruction, and the three diverse strands of the proposal – economics, ecology, and eco-culture. Equally as impressive was his compassion and dedication to learning the community as well as connecting with them on personal levels to build effective relationships and subsequently garner broad and deep support. This deep understanding provided a foundation for lasting change related to creating a belief system that brought hope to the students, the parents, and the patrons of Velma Jackson.

I have continued to follow Dr. Jeter's career as he moved on to be high school principal in Forest, completed his doctoral studies, acquired and led the Mississippi GEAR UP program, and proceeded to serve in Little Rock and Tulsa. He has consistently maintained a high commitment to facilitating positive change that focuses on high expectations for all children. His undying priority for successful student outcomes has served him well in his career and served the communities well where he has been employed.

I have great confidence in the abilities of Dr. Marvin H. Jeter, III, and have no doubt that he will meet or exceed the expectations of any employer. Please contact me if I may answer any questions regarding his skills as an educational leader.

Respectfully,

Ms. Joyce S. Franklin
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