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To Whom It May Concern:

I have a colleague that is applying for your assistant principal position at CEC. Pete Griffin and I have been working together for nine years to date at George Washington High School in the Denver Public Schools. During this time, I have not only built a professional relationship with Pete, but a friendship outside of the workday. From these relationships, I have had an opportunity to evaluate not only his professional ethics and tenacity to achieve his goals, but also his compassion for his students and peers and helpfulness towards everyone around him.

Pete has been an integral part of the Career and Technology Education (CTE) department at GW and more significantly at the district level since coming to the Denver Public Schools. At GW he has held the department head position in the business department when they outfitted two computer labs with new computers and peripherals. He later played a support role for others to take on that title and assisted in outfitting two additional computer labs with computers and peripherals. He has single handedly created an attainable vision for this department that is greatly benefiting not only the students in these classes, but the building as a whole. By offering the opportunity for his students to create multimedia presentations and training tools for their teachers, Pete has pushed many of our faculty to new heights in technology implementation with their students. This greatly helps many of the teachers achieve the model content standards for the state and district.

He also coordinated our building's technology committee to oversee the development and implementation of a plan to maximize the Mill Levy monies acquired by Denver Public Schools in 1999. Because of him, we were placed on the first disbursement cycle of equipment and software. As the chair of this committee, he was responsible for arranging a committee to initially convene and ultimately to meet on a regular basis. Additionally, he delegated the different responsibilities to achieve the committees' plans, and coordinated the committees' efforts with the district policies and deadlines.

Pete is extremely aggressive in pursuing his goals and has truly impressed me with his organizational skills both in our school and with his bicycling club. He is an active member of the Christian Cyclists club and is currently training their junior members to race competitively. This in my opinion is a great example of his selfless efforts to help others better themselves.

All of these above attributes along with the many more I know about Pete make me truly believe he is capable of performing beautifully in your leadership role. Pete has continued to push himself during his Type D program to experience as many components of the principals set of responsibilities as possible. These experiences coupled with his passion to help children strive to be successful exhibit the potential in his future of becoming a great leader. Please accept this recommendation as a sincere vote of confidence in the abilities of Pete Griffin academically, creatively, and professionally.

Sincerely,

Alan McQueen
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