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Item: Adrianna Lynn, Unpaid Leave of Absence

Date: 04/24/2023

Submitted by: Dave Rodgers

Board Meeting Date: May 15, 2023

Recommended by: Dave Rodgers

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence during the 2023-2024 school year consistent with the KIEA Master Agreement, for KCTC Teacher Academy Instructor Adrianna Lynn, if selected as a finalist for the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Research Program. Upon completion of her participation with Fulbright DA Program activities, Ms. Lynn will return to her Instructor position with KCTC Teacher Academy.

BACKGROUND:

Adrianna Lynn has been recognized for her outstanding contributions to the teaching profession, named as a semi-finalist for the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Research Program.

This prestigious program provides an opportunity for K-12 educators to conduct research and engage in professional learning experiences abroad. As a part of her application, Ms. Lynn submitted a research proposal focused on how organizations and policy interact to create quality Grow-Your-Own programs that serve both as a viable pathway into teaching and a way to diversify the teacher workforce. If selected as a final participant, the Fulbright program will support Ms. Adrianna Lynn as she explores this topic, ultimately benefiting the KCTC Teacher Academy program through her intensive study and learnings with this rigorous professional development experience.



2023-2024 Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Research Program (Fulbright DA) for U.S. Educators

Leave Approval Form

This Leave Approval Form is to be completed and signed by the principal at the school where you are currently employed or another official in your district authorized to grant leave.

"I confirm that our school agrees to allow Adrianna Lynn to participate in the 2023-2024 Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Research Program (Fulbright DA), a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by IREX, in the event that they are selected to participate in the program.

Our school will assist the Fulbright DA applicant by providing support for them to participate in the semester-long Fulbright DA program in 2023-2024. I understand that Fulbright DA Program activities will include an intensive international professional development experience at a foreign university or other educational organization and include academic coursework, leadership training, and completing a Research Project. The Fulbright DA Program will also include opportunities for participants to observe, co-teach, and share their expertise with teachers and students at schools in their host country community.

I confirm that Ms./Mr. Adrianna Lynn will be re-instated upon their return to the school and will be granted leave:

☐ with pay.

☒ without pay.

☐ paid leave status to be determined upon selection.

I recognize the importance of the Fulbright DA Program to the applicant's pursuit of personal and professional development and the program's potential to impact teachers and students at our school. I support the applicant's participation in the Fulbright DA Program."

Name of Principal/leave authorizing official: David Rodgers

Title: Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources

Signature: David Rodgers

Date: 4-24-23

