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Charles Burger candidate Wausau school board letter of recommendation

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Dear Wausau School District Board Members,

It is my great honor to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Charles Burger, who is seeking a seat on the Wausau School District Board of Education. I have known Charles both personally and professionally, and I can state with confidence that he brings a rare combination of deep community roots, strong leadership skills, and unwavering commitment to student success that will make him an exceptional asset to the board.

Charles is a lifelong resident of Wausau and a proud graduate of Wausau East High School. His professional career spans more than 30 years advising major organizations such as Lockheed Martin, NASA, and Raytheon on complex projects requiring precision, innovation, and collaboration. Beyond his impressive professional accomplishments, he has invested countless volunteer hours into our community—particularly supporting Wausau West athletics and other extracurricular programs that foster teamwork, discipline, and school spirit. These efforts have generated significant financial support for students, ensuring that all can participate fully regardless of their financial circumstances.

As a pediatric dental specialist who has served the Wausau community for decades, I understand firsthand the importance of building strong academic, extracurricular, and community partnerships to prepare our students for the future. Both of my daughters attended Wausau East High School and Horace Mann Middle School, and I have long been an advocate for advancing opportunities in STEM programs and skilled trades. In this context, I deeply value Charles's clear vision for supporting teachers, modernizing curricula, and preparing graduates for both higher education and public service. His passion for student achievement is evident in all that he does, and his leadership will undoubtedly strengthen the district's tradition of excellence.

Charles's record of volunteerism, combined with his recognition as Instructor of the Year by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, demonstrates his ability to educate, inspire, and lead. He is thoughtful, community-minded, and unafraid to tackle complex issues with both fairness and foresight.

I give Charles Burger my highest recommendation for the Wausau School District Board of Education. I am confident he will bring integrity, energy, and a future-focused perspective that will benefit students, teachers, and families across our community.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of his candidacy.

Sincerely,

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