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To Whom It May Concern,

I am honored to nominate guidance counselor Nikki Wolthuis for the "I Love Teaching" award. As the principal of Sand Ridge Junior High, I have had the privilege of witnessing Nikki's unwavering dedication to her students and the school community. She truly exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding educator and is a vital force behind the success and well-being of our students.

Nikki's tireless efforts to connect with every student, particularly those who are often marginalized, are extraordinary. She goes above and beyond to ensure that all students feel seen, heard, and valued. Her work is not limited to academic success but also extends to helping students navigate their interpersonal relationships, making her a pivotal figure in fostering a supportive and inclusive environment at Sand Ridge.

One of Nikki's most impressive strengths is her commitment to data-driven interventions. She continually seeks out the best strategies to help students thrive in both their academic and social spheres. Her proactive approach has not only helped struggling students improve their classroom performance but has also enhanced their ability to build meaningful, positive relationships with peers and staff.

Nikki has been an enormous force in the successful implementation of our school's Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) plan. Her leadership in this area has created a structured yet flexible system that promotes positive behavior and personal growth for every student. She is a trusted advocate for students, always willing to try new approaches and strategies to ensure a better, more supportive environment for each individual.

Her work perfectly aligns with our school culture goal of ONE Sand Ridge, where inclusivity, respect, and community-building are at the heart of everything we do. Our diversity is our strength. Nikki embodies this goal in her daily interactions, her tireless advocacy for students, and her commitment to fostering a positive school climate. In addition, her work with other staff in a positive way is incredible.

There is no task too great or challenge too difficult for Nikki when it comes to improving the lives of her students. She is truly a remarkable educator, and I can think of no one more deserving of the I Love Teaching Award than Nikki Wolthuis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Quinn Talbot".

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