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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I write this letter of support for Ms. Marcie Lester's nomination for a 2018 BP Teacher of Excellence Award. I have known Marcie for 12 years and have had the privilege of observing and working closely with her on many occasions. Over the years, there has not been a single assignment or placement that Marcie has not excelled in. She truly is an incredible educator.

Ms. Lester is the consummate educator who lives and breathes teaching. Her work with the students of the Lake and Peninsula School District has been exemplary. This becomes even more exemplary when you consider that Marcie is a mother of six wonderful children! It baffles my mind when I watch her calm approach to being an amazing mother and then I visit her classroom and see that she is also an amazing educator. I simply don't know how she does it.

While Marcie's pedagogical skills are excellent, a more important aspect to her success as a teacher is her ability relate to her students. She simply understands kids and knows how to foster learning. The personal connection that she establishes with them sets a standard that I would hope for all of our educators to meet. She masterfully manages a multi-age classroom and skillfully responds to each struggling learner. Most recently, Marcie has filled the position of Newhalen's special education teacher and again, has worked wonders. One teacher commented, "I never knew what an extremely effective SPED program/classroom looked like until this year with Marcie at the helm."

I encourage you to seriously consider Ms. Lester for this award; she truly deserves this recognition. Please feel free to contact me with questions about her qualifications to be considered for a BP Teacher of Excellence.

Sincerely,

Ty Mase, Superintendent
Lake and Peninsula School District