



September 15, 2022

Amy J. Douglas
Managing Attorney
Arkansas Department of Education, DESE
Educator Effectiveness & Licensure
Professional Licensure Standards Board
Four Capitol Mall Box 30
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Douglas:

I would like to nominate Phong Tran for a position on the Professional Licensure Standards Board (PLSB) to replace Luanne Baroni as the representative for APSRC – Non-Licensed Teachers. He currently serves as superintendent for Friendship Aspire Schools for Arkansas. Tran was previously Deputy Chief Executive Officer of four high-quality charter schools in New Orleans where he was integral in helping his previous school gain recognition as a High-Quality Charter School from the United States Department of Education and gain recognition for increasing student achievement, while bridging the sub-group achievement gap, by the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color.

Mr. Tran will be completing Ms. Baroni's term on the PLSB due to Ms. Baroni's position change, and I believe that he will be a great addition to the PLSB in this capacity.

If you have any questions or need anything additional, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Scott Smith
Executive Director