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Dear Weber School District Board Members and Nomination Committee,

It is our pleasure to write a letter of nomination for Kayleen Anderson. As you know she has been serving as the Weber School District Child Nutrition Supervisor for the past 6 years. Prior to that she served as the child nutrition coordinator.

Throughout the past two years, Kayleen has masterfully led the child nutrition program (CNP) in Weber School District through the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, she has led out as the CNP has fed 35,000 students a day in the breakfast and lunch program. Additionally, she was instrumental in assisting our schools as they provided summer lunch sites throughout the district. During the summer lunch program, she began to realize that the lunch hub sites were not reaching all areas of the district so she implemented and opened satellite sites to reach more children.

In our secondary schools Ms. Anderson also recently started "Breakfast After the Bell." This program allowed many students access to breakfast options that prepare them to better handle the rigor of their school day on a full stomach. The project was costly and Kayleen worked hard to obtain a State grant which has assisted with the funding of this project.

Kayleen has also facilitated the fresh fruit and vegetable program at seven of our school sites. This program gives students who would not have had an introduction to rare fruits and vegetables an opportunity to experience them.

Further, Kayleen works with the State of Utah as a liaison between District and State Child Nutrition to keep our district up to date on current nutrition guidelines. It is a complex balancing act to keep within Federal regulations and feed that many students each day and she has effectively managed it all.

Ms. Anderson has been responsible for district budgeting that includes 250 employees district wide and each of the 45 managers that oversee all of the different school sites. She has been instrumental in assisting schools with staffing complexity as it relates to varying COVID implications and the revolving door of child nutrition workers being absent with school closures and quarantines.

With Kayleen Anderson, "Kids come first. She sincerely wants each student to have a meal that looks and tastes good - every day! She cares about her CNP colleagues. She wants them to enjoy the job and the students they serve. Kayleen seeks feedback and always expresses a desire to improve. She has heart. She is a kind, genuinely caring, fabulous human!

It is a pleasure to recommend her for the Weber School District "Extra Mile" Award!

Very Sincerely,

Gina Butters - Ex. Director of Secondary Schools  
Dave Hales - Ex. Director of Elementary Schools