



Dear Nomination Committee,

It is my pleasure to nominate Shalene Elgiar, our school nurse at Silver Ridge Elementary, for the *I LOVE Education Award*. This award recognizes full-time certified staff members who do not hold a teaching license but who play a vital role in the education and well-being of students. Shalene exemplifies this distinction in every sense.

Shalene makes a significant difference in the day-to-day functioning of our school. She ensures that students are healthy, safe, and ready to learn, which is foundational to academic success. Her calm, compassionate presence reassures students during moments of vulnerability, and her professionalism builds trust with families who rely on her expertise and judgment. Students know her office is a place where they will be cared for, respected, and understood.

Beyond direct student care, Shalene has a profound impact on school culture. She works collaboratively with teachers, office staff, counselors, and administrators to support students with medical, mental health, and safety needs. She takes time to train and guide staff, particularly our front office team, ensuring that health procedures, medication protocols, and emergency responses are handled correctly and confidently. Her support strengthens our systems and allows others to do their jobs well.

Shalene is a valued member of our educational team whose influence extends far beyond her role. She consistently goes above and beyond to support students and staff, demonstrating a deep commitment to education through service, advocacy, and leadership. She is highly deserving of the *I LOVE Education Award*.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Georgi

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