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To the Hiring Committee:

It is my pleasure to recommend Becky Toback for the position of Director II/Principal, Blended Learning with Grossmont Union High School District. I have worked alongside Becky for the past seven years in my roles as Principal and Chief Academic Officer for Upper Lake Unified School District and have witnessed her exceptional leadership, commitment to students, and ability to create systems that support student success.

For the past five years, Becky has served as Dean of Students at Upper Lake High School, Clover Valley Continuation High School and Upper Lake Middle School. Together, we have transformed our schools into leaders in Lake County in serving all students at high levels. Although 87% of our students qualify for free and reduced-price meals, we built systems that personalize learning, strengthen student engagement, and provide meaningful academic and social-emotional support. Becky's leadership has been a force behind this work.

Becky is uniquely qualified for a blended learning leadership role because she understands both instruction and student support. As a Teacher on Special Assignment during distance learning, she supported teachers with technology integration and instructional design while helping implement our "Level Up" initiative. She has a strong ability to turn educational vision into practical systems that improve student outcomes.

In addition, Becky led the development of restorative practices, behavioral interventions, and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). She manages our Student Services Team with a focus on ensuring every student has the support needed to succeed. Her work as Teacher Induction Coordinator further reflects her commitment to developing staff and building organizational capacity.

Becky's greatest strengths are her integrity, attention to detail, and work ethic. She approaches every responsibility with professionalism, accuracy, and a commitment to doing what is best for students. She follows through on every task and maintains the highest standards of accountability. Her sound judgment, reliability, and dedication have earned the trust of students, staff, families, and colleagues throughout our district.

I fully support her pursuit of this opportunity and offer my highest recommendation without reservation. I am confident she will excel as Director II/Principal of Blended Learning and make a positive impact on the students, staff, and community she serves.

Sincerely,

Annie Pivniska Petrie

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