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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write on behalf of Whitney Kovach. I have known and worked with Whitney over the past five years in Giles County. We worked together for two years at Richland High School where Whitney served as school counselor. During those two years she was able to make a positive impact on school culture with both students and teachers. She was instrumental in establishing a student organization that specifically dealt with school climate. The "Climate Crew" sponsored school events periodically; they greeted students as they arrived at school, passed out candy, and made multiple visits to the adjacent elementary school to promote positive school culture among other events.

During the school years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Whitney served as the district supervisor of attendance and counseling, along with an array of other responsibilities. In this role she implemented restorative practices, district wide attendance policies, and much needed support services for school counselors in all schools. She spearheaded efforts to expose fifth grade students to postsecondary experiences, initiated awareness of the importance of school attendance through student led campaigns, and assisted with district wide eighth grade parent and student orientation nights at each middle school. These are only a fraction of the many efforts and events in which Whitney was a key player.

Whitney is capable and more than willing to be a part of a forward thinking team that is interested in moving students in a positive direction. I highly recommend that she be given serious consideration as a candidate for the position for which she is applying.

Sincerely,



Keith Stacey, CTE Director