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Dear Sir or Madam,

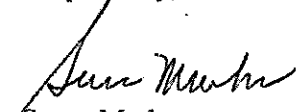
It is my pleasure to recommend Dr. Robert Polselli for a high level technology position in your district. I have known Dr. Polselli since becoming the superintendent of the Norwalk Public Schools in July, 2010. He has been an integral member of the superintendent's cabinet. I have had the opportunity to observe Dr. Polselli in action. He has established himself as a strong leader who is committed to ensuring that our students and staff have the technology to use and the knowledge and skills to utilize the technology to support high achievement for all students.

Dr. Polselli has a broad range of experiences, and has had been given increasingly more responsibility in leading technology in a K-12 environment. He has been director of technology in two school districts, and a technology coordinator in another school district. Currently, in Norwalk, Dr. Polselli supervises professionals which include his direct reports who are responsible for network management, technical repair and assistance, data processing and the technology liaison teachers in each of the 19 Norwalk Public Schools. He prepares and supervises a \$1.8 million IT operating budget and nearly one million in IT capital requests. He manages the day to day operation of our technology department. Additionally, Dr. Polselli has identified a vision of technology for the district that puts technology in the hands of students and teachers in ways that provides efficiencies and cost savings. Under Dr. Polselli's leadership in Norwalk, the deployment of Smart Boards has increased, and the training for the use of new technology has been provided. Dr. Polselli partners with the Norwalk Education Foundation (NEF) and other community partners to ensure that our teachers and support staff have access to high quality training. In the Tech Smart Program, hundreds of Norwalk employees are trained every year. Additionally, Dr. Polselli oversees the management of the student information system (Genesis) and other business systems for the district.

Successful leaders inspire others and mentors, coaches, and supports the staff and students. Dr. Polselli has always supported the vision of high student achievement and understands how technology can impact student achievement. He leads the IT staff by setting high standards and modeling a strong work ethic.

Dr. Polselli is a successful IT leader, and also understands the importance of the central office serving the schools. Throughout Dr. Polselli's career, he has kept the wellbeing and achievement of students as a focus. He will be a great asset to your school district.

Respectfully,



Susan Marks
Superintendent