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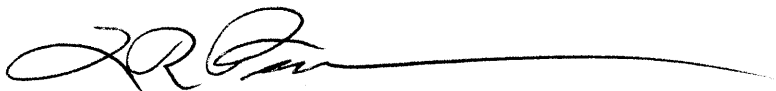
This letter of recommendation is for Joan Jarrett's candidacy for the National Middle School Association's Presidential Election. I have been blessed to know Joan for nearly twenty years. I met Joan through the Pennsylvania Middle School Association and from the start I knew that she was special. Her focus of discussions was always on middle level philosophy and the nature and needs of adolescents. She is always looking for the pathway to take students to new heights of educational excellence. She clearly expresses her visions of how to educate adolescents and promote middle level education.

Joan has devoted her time and energy to the advancement of middle level education and the advocacy of young adolescents not just in Pennsylvania but nationwide. Her tireless work with PMSA helped this state affiliate grow into a truly outstanding professional organization whose mission is aligned with NMSA. Her relentless efforts to do what is right for middle level education has propelled her to a leadership role within our state as a middle level expert. Additionally, Joan's unique approach to working with people is one that is friendly, kind, considerate and caring and because of this quality, she earns the respect and admiration of those that are fortunate to work with her. She is truly admired as a middle level educator and as a wonderful individual.

A person's greatness is measured by how they influence others. Joan has achieved the immortality of influence for her work in middle level education. The Pennsylvania Middle School Association has established a middle level student award in Joan's honor. What a wonderful way to thank her for all she has done and will do. This is a true indication of how PMSA values the contributions of Joan Jarrett to the mission in middle level education.

In summary, Joan Jarrett is an outstanding candidate for the NMSA Presidential Election. She brings class and dignity to any position that she assumes. Her core beliefs are unshakeable and her courage is undeniable. Joan is a true role model as a highly qualified middle level educator and as a leader among leaders.

Sincerely,



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PMSA Executive Director

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