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To Whom It May Concern:

Dr. Fred Parker has asked me to write a letter of recommendation. It is my pleasure to honor his request. Dr. Parker is an individual that is truly concerned about the well being of young adolescents.

Seven years ago, I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Parker when I began working at Henderson State University. We were designated as the advisors for all of the middle level education majors in Teachers College, Henderson. Middle level math and science majors were assigned to Dr. Parker while I served as the advisor for the middle level language arts and social studies majors. As a result, we had many conversations that focused on the importance of having more middle level education majors as well as strategies to possibly increase the low number of middle level education majors at Henderson State University.

Dr. Parker and I have presented together at the Arkansas Association of Middle Level Educators Conference and the ARK-LA-TEX Middle Level Educators Conference. Dr. Parker is constantly looking to conduct research on topics that are relevant to the period of adolescence. Same-sex schools is one example of the type of research that Dr. Parker has been very passionate about for the purpose of determining if this type of learning environment is beneficial for adolescents.

Individuals like Dr. Fred Parker inspire me to keep a positive outlook on middle level education. I have no doubt that he would make an excellent addition to the National Middle School Association Board of Trustees. I appreciate this opportunity to support him with this letter.

Sincerely,

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