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To Whom It May Concern:

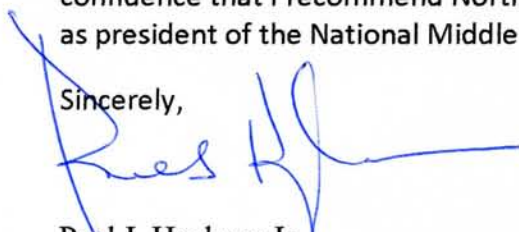
In my fifteen years of working with middle school students, I have never worked with a principal that cares more about middle level education as Ed Vittardi. He has done more positive things for the students of North Royalton Middle School in his two years than any other administrator I've worked with. Whether it be meeting with me prior to even beginning at North Royalton to discuss issues in our building, his continuous attempts to implement programs that will benefit our students, to his never ending optimism, Mr. Vittardi is always working towards making things better.

Having spent my entire career in education working with middle school students, I thought I was familiar with the middle school concept. It wasn't until Mr. Vittardi gave me an opportunity I can't thank him enough for, that I realized there was more to middle school than I thought.

Knowing I had been trying to implement more technology into my classroom, Mr. Vittardi forwarded me a publication that discussed just that. While reading the articles, I saw an advertisement for the National Middle School Association's conference in Denver, Colorado, which seemed to have a focus on technology. Not thinking there was much of a chance, I told Mr. Vittardi the conference looked very interesting and wanted to know what the chances were of me going. He smiled and said he would see what he could do. To my surprise, a few days later he told me I was going. I couldn't believe it! When I arrived in Denver for my first national conference, I was in awe. The things I learned and the people I met were remarkable. The best part was that it was all made possible by my principal.

Experiencing the philosophy of the NMSA first hand, I cannot think of a better person to lead this magnificent organization than Ed Vittardi. It is with pride and absolute confidence that I recommend North Royalton Middle School's principal Mr. Ed Vittardi as president of the National Middle School Association.

Sincerely,



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