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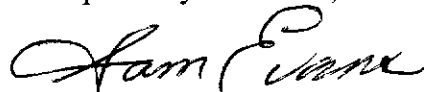
To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I provide this letter of recommendation as part of Dr. Gregory Ross' application for the position of superintendent of the Fayette County Public Schools. I have known Dr. Ross since we both served as members of the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB). During the time we were on the Board together, the two themes that were most prevalent in his interactions with others and in making policy decisions were maintaining a focus on students and an attitude of caring.

While I have not had the pleasure of observing Dr. Ross in a school setting, I have had numerous opportunities to be in his presence and have observed his leadership skills. He displays strong communication and interpersonal skills and is a good listener with a focus on others in his comments and actions. He is truly concerned about the success of students under his leadership and has worked to provide a learning environment that is equitable, inclusive, and provides opportunities for all students to achieve at their highest potential. His current leadership position at Millcreek Elementary is probably the strongest example of his leadership and innovation. Becoming a Leader in Me school is a daunting accomplishment that requires a concerted effort on the part of the school leadership team, faculty and staff, and the school community working with all students in helping them to achieve success while develop their leadership skills. Leadership becomes part of the school culture in a Leader in Me school and is evident when you walk into the school.

Throughout his professional career, Dr. Ross has been engaged in experiences that provide evidence of involvement and impact in the community beyond the school. During his tenure on EPSB, Dr. Ross was integrally involved is establishing policy impacting the quality of professional educators across the Commonwealth that involved both programs and applicants for certification. In my judgment, he looked beyond his local setting and considered the larger good in carrying out his responsibilities as a member of the Board. Without question, I am proud to have Dr. Ross as a Western Kentucky University alumni. In my professional judgment Dr. Ross has displayed requisite knowledge and skills associated with the position of superintendent in the Fayette County Public Schools and I am pleased to be able to support his application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sam Evans, Professor

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