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I have had the pleasure of knowing Carolyn Gatzke for nearly four years. I first met her when she came to my office to inquire about the experience her daughter would have if she were to attend Wilson High School where I served as the principal.

In my eleven years as an administrator, I have had hundreds of meetings with parents who wished to know more about the school. I remember thinking that all parents should be equipped to ask and get answers to the thoughtful questions she asked of me. Now that I have had the opportunity to watch Carolyn's daughter thrive in high school and see how Carolyn has worked in concert with teachers, administrators, counselors, and fellow parents to add value not only to her daughter's high school experience, but the experience of many students and families, I am convinced that Carolyn is just the right person for a career as a parent coach.

I am also a mother of two elementary school aged children. My interactions with her over the years have greatly enhanced my skills as a parent and have translated to my skills at working with over 4,500 students at Wilson High School. Carolyn's coaching skills are exceptional. Like a gifted teacher, Carolyn has the ability to lead others to problem solve solutions that can be used consistently across many situations.

After serving as a principal of an elementary school, a middle school, a high school, and now serving as Chief Academic Officer, I truly believe that the success of our children depends on consistent, clearly articulated, positive parenting. I have had the great fortune to watch many of my students navigate elementary, middle school and high school and I have seen first hand what excellent parenting contributes to the success of children both in and out of the school setting. There is no more important job than that of a parent. I give Carolyn Gatzke my highest recommendation as a person who will most certainly help parents discover the tools necessary to parent in such a way that children learn the skills to make the appropriate decisions on their own.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandy Blazer".

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