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To Whom It May Concern,

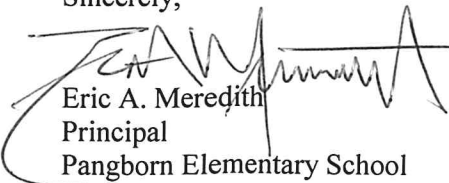
This letter is to recommend Mr. Ben Hurley for the position he has applied. I have known Mr. Hurley since the 2012 – 2013 School year when he served as a 4th and 5th grade teacher. Beginning in 2016, Mr. Hurley became the Technology/STEM Encore Teacher and Technology Support person for Pangborn Elementary School. This hybrid position is the vision and development of Mr. Hurley's own passion toward creating opportunities for students of all ages and abilities to engage in enriching activities through the use of hands-on application as a result of computer programing, designing, and implementation. Mr. Hurley is highly commended for designing, presenting to administration, and developing this type of program that has fit successfully into the Pangborn Elementary School Encore rotations for Pre-K, Life Skills, and Kindergarten thru 5th grade students on a daily/yearly basis.

Mr. Hurley's depth of knowledge and passion for the use of technology extends beyond the classroom and into the school community. As a result, Pangborn teachers, staff members, students, and parents are successful on a number of devices and platforms. For example, Mr. Hurley maintains the school technology inventory by keeping everyone informed of the latest updates, programing capabilities, and is always available for trouble shooting purposes. Additionally, Mr. Hurley leads a school committee focusing on STEM/Science initiatives and often presents professional development sessions in order to keep teachers and staff members within our district, across the state of Maryland, and even nationally advancing toward utilizing technology for instructional purposes. Particularly during the time Washington County Public Schools has implemented Distance Learning due to the COVID-19 school closure, Mr. Hurley's unwavering support and dedication has enhanced successful learning implementation for teachers, students, and parents. For example, Mr. Hurley has fielded countless calls from all parties and has been able to support everyone remotely in order for them to gain access to online learning.

Whatever the setting Mr. Hurley is provided for teaching students of all ages, I am confident he will be able to balance application toward transfer knowledge along with being a valuable asset to the school district for teachers, staff, and parents to rely on for supporting their needs through the use of technology. While losing Mr. Hurley as part of our Pangborn team would be a detrimental loss for our school community, I'm happy to strongly recommend him for the position he is applying as a valuable addition to your team.

Should you have any specific questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



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