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To whom it may concern,

I am writing a letter of support for Mrs. Hillary Adams. Hillary has been a Grade 5-6 Visual Art Educator in the Fort Osage School District for the last three years. I came to know her well in my position as Instructional Facilitator in the building and have the privilege of not only partnering with her with curriculum work but also in the implementation of a choice-based approach of instruction, Teaching for Artistic Behaviors (TAB). In addition to the strong classroom environment and solid instruction that Mrs. Adams creates and facilitates, she also shares her expertise and leadership by guiding and pushing our staff forward in our learning around Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS).

Hillary's knowledge of the visual arts curriculum and best instructional practices shine through in her work to implement a true art studio for her students. An art classroom that is grounded in TAB empowers students to develop into true artists through short, focused lessons, choice, differentiation, and reflection.

Mrs. Adams' classroom environment is second to none. Upon entering, there is the immediate feel of a studio, a workshop. You can feel the positivity, the ownership, and the community. None of this happens without the intention, expectations, teaching, and positive reinforcement that Mrs. Adams models in her classroom daily.

As a leader on our PBIS team, Hillary goes above and beyond in her desire to support our staff in learning about positive behavior supports. Through this leadership, she engages in her own further professional learning and then strategically shares the learning with the staff through the crafting of meaningful experiences and dialogue. Hillary has been a key leader in our building's quest into Tier 2 behavior support for students.

Hillary is collaborative, caring, organized, hard working, and forward-thinking. In more ways than one, she is focused on her commitment to educating the whole child. She has made a positive impression on the staff, students, and community in her time at Fire Prairie Upper Elementary. Hillary would be a positive addition to any school district. I highly recommend her for this position.

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