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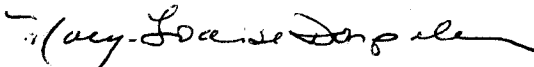
To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Gary Miller, Business Manager for the Canton Public Schools. As Director of Pupil Personnel Services, I have worked with Mr. Miller for the past eight years that I have served in this position. Throughout this period, Mr. Miller has worked very closely with me in ensuring that all aspects of the financial issues which arise with providing special education services to our students are handled in compliance with appropriate state and federal accounting procedures. His knowledge and patience were invaluable during the early years of my tenure in Canton, as he guided me through the correct procedures for developing my budget and for writing the IDEA grants. Mr. Miller's presence and financial guidance continued to be a constant support for not only myself, but also my fellow administrators as the district transitioned through four years of changes in superintendents.

Currently, Mr. Miller continues to work in a collaborative and respectful manner with the entire administrative team, assisting all of us with managing the financial aspects of our responsibilities in accordance with best business practice. A person of integrity, he has a special blend of characteristics which are, in my experience, unique for business managers. I am confident that he will provide another district with the same blend of ethical and conservative financial guidance which balances the needs of all constituencies.

Thus, I would strongly recommend Mr. Miller for a position of business manager or director of finance for a public school district. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



Mary-Louise Dorpalen
Director of Pupil Personnel
Services