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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to commend Dr. Beth Pester for her excellence in ministry, her dedication to Lutheran Schools, and her lifelong pursuit of learning. She is a shining light for CUNE across the entire country!

She is a proactive, thoughtful leader who pursues new ideas and sees those ideas come to fruition through implementation. Then she looks to analyze and improve and create a new system that is sustainable and beneficial to Lutheran Schools.

Most recently the success of the formation and implementation of the GPLEC: Great Plains Lutheran Educators Conference is an example of this. The event was launched with the NE District as the anchor and

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." Ephesians 4:11-16.

SD joined in. As word spread of its success, we now have for the 2027 GPLEC commitments from the founding districts as well as Kansas, Western MO, Southern MN, and Iowa East and West! Praise the Lord for Dr. Beth who spearheaded the entire event and surrounded herself with a great team from CUNE departments at all levels.

Dr. Pester has name and face recognition with virtually every leader in Lutheran Schools because of her gregarious love of Lutheran Schools and Christian Education. She is a communicator and provides results, encouragement, and solutions where needed.

I highly recommend her for advancement in rank at CUNE!

In Christ,

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