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Attn: Marian High School Board of Directors

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My name is Audrea Pettaway and I serve as the Northern Ohio Imagine Schools Regional Director. I have served Imagine Schools for twenty-four years and look forward to continued service to students, staff, and families for many more years to come. I am passionate about student growth in education and character.

It is with great pleasure that I write a letter of recommendation for Heather Sofran for the position of President of Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

I have had the privilege of knowing Heather for over twenty years in many different capacities. I have known her as a student-athlete, community leader, and educator. I have seen Heather grow over the years in her natural leadership skills and abilities. She is a devoted servant leader in anything she does. Her drive, compassion, record of success, and love for students and families makes her the perfect candidate for this position.

While serving as school Regional Director of seven schools in Ohio, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with Heather as we both desire to better ourselves in the field of education. We have had many professional development conversations around fundraising, fiscal management, marketing, decision making, and overall leadership expectations. It has been an honor to grow and learn with Heather in all of the important details that make a campus successful and sustainable.

I have no doubt in my mind that Heather can accomplish many great things for Marian High School and its surrounding community. Heather is ambitious and resourceful. If there is anything that she would need to learn or need to grow the campus, she would seek the answers through research and/or her connections to the right people.

Seeing the work that Heather has done while serving as the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director on the elementary school campus has been inspiring! It is evident that she loves the community, is passionate about being an educator, and wants what is best for every stakeholder. The pride and love she shows is even evident by the fact that she would seek advice from and collaborate with an educator from OHIO. GO BUCKS! ☺

In all sincerity, I feel that your board would be making a stellar decision by hiring Heather Sofran for President of Marian High School. Heather is someone who will hold true to and honor traditions, connect with students in a way that is relevant to the high energy students' desire today, and hold them to high expectations that will support the ever-changing world of education in America.

As a fellow educator, I understand fully the gravity of this decision and I do not take this recommendation lightly. This is why I whole heartedly recommend Heather for this position. If you have any questions or would like to contact me directly I can be reached by email at Audrea.Pettaway@imageschools.org or by phone at (330)612-5900.

Best of Luck to You and Your Decision,
Audrea Pettaway
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