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Attn: Marcus Foster Distinguished Educator Award-Selection Committee

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

It is with great pride and deep respect that I write this letter of support for Dr. Kenneth Davis in nomination for the **Marcus Foster Distinguished Educator Award**. Over the course of more than three decades in education, Dr. Davis has exemplified what it means to be a true servant leader — a champion for students, an advocate for equity, and a mentor to countless educators.

Dr. Davis's career reflects an unwavering commitment to helping all students succeed. As a child who was born in poverty, Dr. Davis has dedicated his career to serving students who are at risk and underserved. His work has consistently centered around creating opportunities for students who face the greatest challenges, ensuring they have access not only to quality education but also to the caring relationships and resources needed to thrive. He brings compassion, vision, and a tireless work ethic to every initiative he leads.

Beyond his direct service to students, Dr. Davis has profoundly influenced the professional growth of educators and leaders in numerous states. As an instructional leader, he continually encourages the principals and teachers he serves to keep learning, growing, and refining their craft. He models lifelong learning by seeking out new research, embracing innovation, and fostering collaboration among his peers. His impact is evident in the many leaders who credit him as a mentor and role model in their own professional journeys.

Equally inspiring is Dr. Davis's dedication to working with **physically and mentally impaired adults**, where he demonstrates patience, empathy, and an unyielding belief in the potential of every individual. His inclusive approach to education extends far beyond the classroom — it is rooted in a deep sense of humanity and service to others.

Dr. Davis embodies the spirit of the Marcus Foster Distinguished Educator Award. His leadership, compassion, and lifelong commitment to advancing educational excellence have left a lasting legacy on students, educators, and communities alike. It is without reservation that I give my strongest endorsement for his selection.

Thank you for considering this nomination. Dr. Davis represents the very best of what it means to be an educator and a leader.

Sincerely,


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