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I am writing to express my support of Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield. From our first meeting of introduction through my most recent interactions with her at our Youth Mental Health Summit, I have been incredibly impressed and inspired by her dedication, compassion and competence. Washoe County was fortunate to recruit and hire an individual with a clear passion for children along with a record of service and education leadership.

During an introduction lunch in 2022, I remember Dr Enfield describing her last district's promise to know every student by name, strength and need. She was humble in her discussion of this promise as she did not want to commit at that time to being able to promise the same in a county with over 60,000 students. Since then, Dr Enfield has built and strengthened her staff to the point that she now confidently promotes this promise for every student in Washoe County. She is committed to making sure that all our students have adults in their schools that know them and a team ready to support each student to graduation. She recognizes that this promise is not just important to make for high school students, but for students of all ages.

I have had the opportunity to watch Dr Enfield speak in many different forums, from Chamber of Commerce celebrations to mental health collaboration meetings. She is inspiring and respected across our community. She reaches out to community leaders, shares her vision, and follows up with them to keep them engaged. Under her leadership, we are collaborating to improve resources for mental health and improve our communication and access to these resources with our students. She led the introduction of the Care Solace program and continues to build high school Social-Emotional Learning programs.

In reviewing the superintendent's strategic plan, I am impressed again by her five goals based on a framework of four pillars. This is challenging work, but from what I have seen from Dr Enfield, she will work to see this through. As the Physician-in-Chief of Renown Children's hospital, I lead a team that cares for children in distress. Dr Enfield leads the team that works to keep our community's children healthy and safe so that they don't require our hospital services. For that, I am grateful.

Sincerely,

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From:	Taylor Adams
Sent:	Sunday, October 22, 2023 9:31 AM
То:	Public Comments
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Fwd: Susan Enfield Evaluation

Madam Chair and Members of the School Board,

You should be commended for bringing an administrator of Dr. Enfield's quality to Northern Nevada, and in her review you have rightly identified the amazing work that is being done for our children under her leadership.

Speaking first as a parent with four children in the district; Our family recently moved to Washoe County from a district that is consistently ranked among the best in the Nation. Please know that my wife and I have seen no noticeable gap in education quality between our children's former district and this one. It is clear to us that work done here over the last two years is delivering Nationally competitive educational quality that is of direct benefit to all students in the district.

In addition to my views as a parent, I would be remiss if I did not speak to the impact Dr. Enfield has on my work on behalf of the region. Dr. Enfield is part of a growing cohort of Nationally recognized professionals that are choosing Northern Nevada. Brian Sandoval at the University of Nevada Reno and Brian Erling at Renown Health are examples of two other dynamic professionals in this group.

When professionals like these choose a region, people in their profession take note. That attention creates lift in regional perception that directly relates to the desirability of that region. The respect that Dr. Enfield has in her profession took a career to build, and it requires continual maintenance. You should further be commended for understanding the value that her National reputation has in driving the improving perception of our district.

Coming back to the growing number of exceptional people that are choosing Northern Nevada; These professionals were a major driver in our decision to relocate to this region. Victor Hugo once said that, "nothing is so powerful as an idea whose time has come." Thank you for the leadership and vision that brought Dr. Enfield to our community. I truly believe that this is our time, and you played a critical role in creating it.

Sincerely, Taylor V. Adams EDAWN President & CEO Trustee & President Beth Smith Trustee Alex Woodley Trustee Adam Mayberry Trustee Joe Rodriguez Trustee Colleen Westlake Trustee Diane Nicolet Trustee Jeff Church

October 22, 2023

Dear President Smith and Washoe County School District Board,

We are writing in strong support of our Superintendent, Dr. Susan Enfield and her work within our district over the past year. We are impressed with the steps towards improvement that we can already see are underway. She participates in our community, attends business, community and education events both inside and outside of our schools, and leads by example with strong compassion for our teachers, staff and children.

Since Dr. Enfield took over last Summer, she has made the mental health of our students a top priority. Her team showed out in huge attendance at the first Youth Mental Health Summit in September 2022 willing to listen, share and learn. Since this time, Dr. Enfield has ensured that the counseling staff is well represented at each of the monthly Youth Crisis meetings that have taken place and has worked tirelessly to improve the collaboration between our students, families, teachers and school staff, both to prevent and also to ensure a successful reintroduction of students back to school after crisis resolution.

Dr. Enfield worked to enable to entire district, including families and staff, to have access to a new program, Care Solace, which works to connect anyone in need of mental health services to providers that have the time, specialty and that take their specific insurance. She also came and spoke powerfully at last month's Youth Mental Health Summit, addressing our students' concerns and ideas, and outlining her plans to continue to improve the district's on campus support.

We are also very supportive of Dr. Enfield's leadership in the district's change to permit families to be able to move students outside of zoned schools if such moves are warranted. Our 15 year old felt that it would be impossible for him to attend his zoned high school and Dr. Enfield and her team reviewed the situation and approved his direct variance to another school that had room and was a better environment for his safety and overall mental health.

Our district has had issues with resources and prioritization over the years, however we have full confidence in the vision, work and leadership of Dr. Susan Enfield. Over this first year, she has proven her dedicated to our community, our students and our families.

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October 23, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my full support for Dr. Susan Enfield as she prepares for her upcoming review.

Dr. Enfield has consistently shown exceptional dedication to our institution's growth and development. Her vision, work ethic, and passion for our community's betterment have been instrumental in bringing about positive changes and setting a clear path for improvement.

Her commitment to our students' well-being is particularly commendable. Dr. Enfield has initiated and overseen programs to promote their mental health and overall welfare. Her genuine care for our educators, staff, and, most importantly, our children, is evident in her actions.

Dr. Enfield's collaborative approach to community engagement has strengthened the district's relationships with the broader community, fostering better communication and partnerships that benefit the school district.

In addressing challenges, Dr. Enfield's forward-thinking approach has led to practical solutions and positive outcomes, such as the implementation of Care Solace to connect those in need of mental health services with suitable providers.

Her support for families requiring flexibility in school assignments is also noteworthy. Dr. Enfield's willingness to review individual situations and make thoughtful decisions for the betterment of our students' educational experiences demonstrates her commitment.

I firmly believe that Dr. Susan Enfield's exceptional leadership and dedication warrant our continued support. As her review approaches, I endorse her as a highly deserving candidate for acknowledgment and continued support.

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University of Nevada, Reno

October 23, 2023

President Elizabeth Smith Washoe County School District Board of Trustees 425 East 9th Street Reno, NV 89512

President Elizabeth Smith:

It is with pride that I write this letter in support of Superintendent Susan Enfield. Since Dr. Enfield started her work in the Washoe County School District (WCSD), she has demonstrated a strong commitment the students, staff, and community she serves.

Superintendent Enfield has been an incredible partner as we work to strengthen strategic partnerships between the University of Nevada, Reno and the WCSD. Together we have opened five Collegiate Academy programs in WCSD. Aimed at promoting equitable access to higher education, the Collegiate Academy program gives high school students the opportunity to take college level classes at a fraction of the cost, allowing them to enter college with up to a full year of credits already taken. Superintendent Enfield is one of the key reasons this program has been so effective, stemming from her desire to improve access to education across the State of Nevada.

Thanks to Superintendent Enfield, high school teachers in WCSD are also benefitting from the Collegiate Academy program with each participating teacher receiving a \$3,000 stipend per year as well as one-on-one mentorship from a University of Nevada, Reno faculty member.

I also would like to commend Superintendent Enfield for her commitment to collaboration to ensure the teacher shortages are adequately addressed across the entire state by working with our College of Education and Human Development, preparing our students to enter the WCSD upon graduation.

Superintendent Enfield has been an innovative and inspiring leader who has made an incredible impact in her short time here in our community. The Wolf Pack Family is better off thanks to Superintendent Enfield, and I give her my strongest support during her annual evaluation this year.

Thank you and Go Pack!

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From:	Joy Heuer
Sent:	Tuesday, October 24, 2023 9:42 AM
То:	Public Comments
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Support of Dr. Enfield

Hello,

I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Enfield since her arrival to northern Nevada. In my experience, she is top notch! Her message is consistent and her love for our kids is evident. I appreciate her willingness to listen and her drive.

Thank you Dr. Enfield, you are a shining star and a champion for our education system. Joy Heuer