

## Downtown Denver Expeditionary School

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Dear Members of the Silverton School District Board,

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation in support of Elizabeth Barszcz's application for the position of Superintendent of Silverton School District. As the Executive Director of the Downtown Denver Expeditionary School (DDes), I have had the privilege of working closely with Elizabeth over the past four years through a multi-school partnership focused on adult wellness, staff retention, social-emotional learning, and sustainable budgeting. Through this work, I have come to know Elizabeth as an exceptional leader, collaborator, and innovator—qualities that will serve her well as she takes on the role of Superintendent.

Elizabeth's leadership at Silverton School is a testament to her ability to foster a strong organizational culture that supports both students and educators. In 2021, our Staff Leadership Team visited Silverton School to learn from their implementation of social-emotional learning and the Expeditionary Learning Core Practices. Elizabeth and her team welcomed us with openness and generosity, facilitating deep learning opportunities that have since influenced our own school's practices. Likewise, Silverton educators have visited DDes multiple times to engage with our teachers, demonstrating Elizabeth's commitment to continuous learning and instructional excellence.

Beyond her expertise in curriculum and instruction, Elizabeth is deeply invested in community and family partnerships. She understands that a thriving school is built not just on strong academics but also on meaningful relationships between students, staff, families, and the broader community. Her ability to bring people together, encourage collaboration, and foster a shared vision for student success is one of her greatest strengths.

Elizabeth is a thoughtful, strategic, and compassionate leader who is always seeking ways to innovate and improve. She has the vision and dedication necessary to guide the Silverton School District into the future, ensuring that it remains a place where students, teachers, and families thrive. I wholeheartedly recommend her for the position of Superintendent and am confident that she will bring incredible value to the district.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,



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