



March 31, 2025

To Silverton Public School District's Board of Education:

Elizabeth Barszcz has my full support for the role of Superintendent at Silverton Public Schools. I believe there is no one better suited for the position than Elizabeth; she is highly competent, devoted to the entire community of Silverton, visionary, and wise.

I've known Elizabeth since her early years as a teacher at The Silverton School, and I have witnessed her incredible growth across decades. We first worked together when I served as Silverton's School Designer with EL Education (formerly Expeditionary Learning), and in recent years, I've walked alongside Elizabeth as coach and consultant working in the realm of leadership development.

From this vantage point, I've seen Elizabeth keep students as her north star, tending to their academic achievement and wellbeing as humans, and always asking, "What's possible?" on their behalf. I've seen her build relationships with families, and partnerships with countless individuals and institutions that knit The Silverton School into the fabric of the town and region. I've also admired her ability to fling the doors of the school wide open, inviting others in to learn together and create networks that stretch across the globe. She has so many ideas for the school's future, in part because she has continued to open herself to new learning, wide opportunities, and fresh ideas.

The depth of Elizabeth's educational expertise is unparalleled...and, just as importantly, she is a leader with integrity and wisdom. I trust her through and through. She keeps her word, speaks with authenticity, and acts from an intention to do what's best for students, always. She is grounded, trustworthy, and self-aware—characteristics one can only develop with time.

For these reasons and many more, it is with great joy that I recommend Elizabeth Barszcz as the next Superintendent of Silverton Public Schools.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cyndi Gueswel'.

Cyndi Gueswel

Leadership Development Coach & Consultant