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National Middle School Association:

It is my pleasure to recommend Dr. Fred Parker for the Board of Trustees for the National Middle School Association. I have known Dr. Parker since I was hired at Henderson State University in 2000. He a full professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and has been at Henderson State University since 1992.

Dr. Parker is committed to the quality preparation of and continued professional development for middle school educators. He has given international presentations on his research on the benefits of single gender middle schools. Although his primary teaching responsibility is middle school math and science, he collaborates with language arts/social studies faculty to develop and deliver appropriate curriculum. He is clearly an advocate for the advancement of middle school education.

In my opinion, Dr. Parker is worthy of your serious consideration for this honor. If he is selected, I believe that he will be a valuable contributor. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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