

Sample Letter of Endorsement from Superintendent of Schools or Agency Director

I, _____, support the candidacy of _____ for the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Urban Leadership Program at Kean University, beginning September, 2009.

He/She has demonstrated a potential for leadership in our district or agency which serves a high percentage of students with backgrounds commonly found in urban areas. She/He has demonstrated a commitment to social justice, issues of diversity, improved student achievement and has shown the capacity to be an effective leader and change agent.

I understand that an integral part of the program is a full-year internship in a setting with urban characteristics and that candidates will work under the direction of a university supervisor and an on-site supervisor for a minimum of two hours per day for one year. Hours can be before, during or after school.

I also understand that candidates will complete a comprehensive portfolio that represents their progress toward meeting the ELCC Standards for School District Leadership. That portfolio will be measured against a rubric requiring a rating of proficient or better.

Along with my support of the candidacy of _____, I agree to provide a one-year internship as described above under my supervision or that of my designee in the central or main office of my organization, beginning September 2010.

Name: _____

Title: _____

District or Agency: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____