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Dear Sirs,

This correspondence is in support of Dora Justice for the award of Mingo County Teacher of the Year. Dora is the consummate professional and demonstrates exemplary teaching practices to her students each day. She exhibits the heart of a teacher in a caring and compassionate manner meeting the needs of children outside the parameters of the school building on a daily basis.

To experience Dora's Science class is an unforgettable experience. The use of "hands on" learning is utilized and enthralls the students with an excitement and joy for learning. The depth of knowledge aspect is paramount in lesson plans and demonstrates a focused and intentional approach to student engagement.

A teacher's heart is demonstrated in Dora's compassion and caring nature as she regularly sees that children have warm clothes for the winter months. She regularly provides food to students when school is not in session and provides a stable, consistent and caring model to many children of "poverty". While her assignment is as an instructor of Science and Social Studies as we are a departmentalized Elementary School, she is much more than a Science and Social Studies teacher, she embodies the qualities of an educator.

Dora is a life-long learner and will complete her Doctoral degree in Educational Psychology in May 2015. Her enjoyment of learning and enthusiasm for making a difference in the lives of others makes her an easy choice to be Mingo County Teacher of the Year for 2014.

Professionally,

Dr. C. Douglas Ward

