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NMSA Elections Committee
4151 Executive Parkway, Suite 300
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Dear Elections Committee:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Dr. Sharon Riley Ordu, candidate for the position of Trustee to Represent Diverse Cultures on the National Middle School Association's Board of Trustees.

I first met Sharon when she invited Dr. John Lounsbury and me to present at a Middle School Principal's retreat she was facilitating for Atlanta Public Schools. At the time Sharon was Coordinator of Special Projects and had been assigned to lead the district's Middle School Reform initiative. During this retreat, principals were exposed to best practices in middle level education and became aware of all the products and services available through NMSA and other middle level organizations. I was impressed by her knowledge of and commitment to the cause of middle level education, a cause to which she has remained steadfast over the years.

Currently, Sharon serves on the Georgia Middle School Association Board of Directors as a Regional Metro Liaison. I have learned during my association with her in this capacity that what she says is succinct but very much to the point, and she has provided us with some valuable food for thought and direction during her time on the Board.

She has served three years as the Trustee to Represent Diverse Cultures on the NMSA Board and is eager to continue in this capacity for another three year period. I support Sharon in her bid to be re-elected.

Sincerely,

Linda Hopping

Linda Hopping, Director
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