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To Whom It May Concern;

I am pleased to recommend engaging Dr. Joe Clark as the keynote speaker for your professional learning event, conference, or retreat. We had the pleasure of having Dr. Clark address our annual Administrative Retreat this summer. To say that he was engaging and well-received is a huge understatement. Dr. Clark's keynote and breakout sessions were timely, humorous, and engaging.

Attendees were very impressed with the lessons that Dr. Clark was able to weave within well-told anecdotes about his life and career in education. He clearly demonstrated an interest in and genuine love for developing her students, educators, and the field of education as a whole.

Dr. Clark was able to connect with the 130+ administrators present in his sessions, and seasoned administrators enjoyed and learned from him just as much as those just entering the field of education administration. As one seasoned Superintendent put it, "*I enjoyed the keynote speaker! The presentation was down-to-earth versus concepts that make you feel like you have to walk on water as an administrator.*"

I would highly recommend having Dr. Clark speak with educators in any position. Teachers, classroom aides, and support staff would gain professional perspective and enjoy the presentation of Dr. Clark just as our administrators did.

Dr. Clark was very responsive throughout the planning process as well. He made himself available for multiple planning calls to work out logistics and details and was happy to tailor the content to our audience. Our organization and those in attendance would highly recommend working with Dr. Clark.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 567.644.5484.

Sincerely,

*Karen Rose*

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