School Letterhead

Date

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Ms. Hendricks,

I am pleased to support teacher name in his/her application for the WeTeach\_Cyber Hub offered by the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) to support Texas teachers in obtaining their CompTIA Security+ industry certification. These teachers will work with a community of practice as together they deepen their cybersecurity content knowledge and gain tools and strategies for their CTE cybersecurity programs of study. WeTeach\_Cyber teachers will participate as a cohort in a series of blended professional development experiences designed to prepare them as cybersecurity teachers. I understand it is vital that our nation increase the number of well prepared and certified cybersecurity teachers as their representation in the classroom directly impacts the students’ interest in those courses.

I have had the opportunity to work with teacher name for length of time and during that time I have observed {brief summary of what makes this teacher stand out and be a good candidate for this opportunity}.

I have reviewed the benefits and requirements of teacher/school participation in the WeTeach\_Cyber Collaborative as outlined at [**https://utakeit.tacc.utexas.edu/resources/WTCS\_Cyber\_Collab-2024/**](https://utakeit.tacc.utexas.edu/resources/WTCS_Cyber_Collab-2024/)
and fully endorse our school's participation in the program. It is my hope that by participating in this program, he/she will be able to take learning to a new level for our students as he/she continues to grow as an instructor. Additionally, I am dedicated to supporting these efforts by **committing to cover substitute and travel for** teacher name’s **professional development.** I, also, **commit to offering a Cybersecurity Program of Study *beginning in the XX-XX school year* in our district** and to allowing teacher name to facilitate these courses.

Sincerely,

Name

Title