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To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is in support of Dawn Lloyd-Matthews for the honor of the 2017 NYSUT Health Care Professionals Member of the Year.

I have had the privilege to work with Dawn for the past 18 years as her principal and later as superintendent. In those years she has been a leader in her field of social work.

From the beginning of her tenure, she has been proactive in developing programs to promote kindness and denounce bullying. She was an architect of a grade 6 – 8 program for students and a pioneer in addressing cyberbullying. She was a presenter at several national conferences regarding her cyberbullying program.

Her door is always open for students at Sayville Middle School. Not only has she forged a relationship with the students at the middle school as a social worker but also as a basketball and lacrosse coach.

Ms. Lloyd-Matthews is also a leader within the faculty. She is a problem solver and often teams with the administration to support faculty members in need. The concept of self-improvement is a culture at Sayville Middle School because of the example set by her every day.

In summary, Dawn Lloyd-Matthews is a true leader in her profession. She is a model health care professional. I strongly support her selection as the 2017 NYSUT Health Care Professional Member of the Year.

Sincerely,

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