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Dear Dr. Washburn:

I am elated to write a letter of recommendation for Mrs. Nancy Jacobs for the SIM CLLI Institute for Xtreme Reading. She is a valued member of Hernando High School and supports her students as well as faculty in the content areas by sharing Word Mapping with her Content Teachers.

Nancy is an outstanding instructional leader whose positive attitude, contagious enthusiasm, and passion for teaching and learning is reflected in every facet of her life. She tirelessly gives her assistance and has had an awesome impact on our entire school. Nancy is eager, innovative, and her flexibility demonstrates the highest level of professional commitment. During the time period when our school had to shift to virtual learning due to covid, she was very active in providing technical assistance to her students so they could continue with the Xtreme Reading program.

What I also admire about Nancy is her quest for improving students' literacy skills, those that she has come in contact with have consistently shown a great deal of progress. Many of them come to her as struggling readers and transform into highly performing students who are models of improvement. Nancy is a team player and she will continue coaching our faculty during the 2022-2023 school year in the Xtreme Reading program.

I highly recommend Nancy Jacobs as a Professional Developer in Xtreme Reading for the SIM Network.

Sincerely,

Lechele Booker  
Principal

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