

December 15, 2015

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing this letter to endorse the nomination of John Nelson for the Deloitte CFO of the Year award. I have known John for about five years but have gotten to know him much better in the last two years after his election to the Gilbert Board of Education. John was elected to this board and has become an exceptional member of the board in a very short period of time, mostly because of his willingness to dedicate so much time and effort to make a difference.

John has embraced his role on the board, not just for his own children who attend or have graduated from our school, but for all children. His priority on our board is a focus on academics, which he champions often at meetings. He is also very willing to attend conferences and meetings that will help him learn more about public schools, how they operate, curriculum, funding issues, etc., and will increase his productivity as a board member. He is a great listener, a strong problem solver, and a voice of reason on the board. John is highly respected by other board members as his ethics are very much in evidence in the thoughts he shares with the board. They trust his judgment and motivations for helping students. He has already become the board's Vice President and will probably assume the presidency next year. He also represents our district in legislative meetings. He is a highly ethical man who is wizard with numbers. His help with our school finances, a decidedly convoluted process, has been invaluable.

I am sure you will have many fine candidates for this award, but you will not find a better man than John Nelson. He is a tremendous family man, solid CFO, active church member, and an exemplary board member. I wish you the best in your search but truly believe you need look no further than this nominee. Thank you for considering him for this terrific award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lindsey Beecher".

Lindsey Beecher, Supt.