



ANKENY

COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

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Dear Business Record Committee Members:

As Superintendent of the Ankeny Community School District, I have worked with Lydia for several years in a variety of capacities. She is a tremendous candidate for your honor of Forty Under 40.

Lydia Hornung possesses the characteristics meritorious of an outstanding citizen and leader. She has a clear vision for improving relationships among the citizens in Ankeny, Iowa, and beyond. As the fourth fastest growing city in the United States under 100,000, she has a wealth of ideas of connecting different groups of people and businesses despite their demographic identity. Consequently, she is committed to developing opportunities for people to interact with new people and is the first person to volunteer or organize such an event. She works countless hours, while at the same time, raising two children under five.

Leaders must be able to develop those within their community. As president of the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce, Lydia works successfully with teams of people to bring new ideas to the table. She also exhibits a trait essential to all organizations in the 21st Century: Flexibility. In a city that is experiencing exponential growth, she has to utilize a vast array of leadership skills. She understands that situational awareness with different groups of people must be utilized.

Accordingly, I give Lydia Hornung my highest recommendation. She is an articulate, intelligent professional that Iowa needs to lead our next generation of leaders.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Kimpston, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools
Ankeny Community School District