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Award Selection Committee for Emerging Women Of Influence

It is my honor to write this letter of recommendation for Ashlee Nichols in support of her nomination for the Emerging Women of Influence Award. For the past two years Ashlee has worked in the Algona Community School District teaching middle school math. During her time in Algona, Ashlee has volunteered for many different committees and leadership roles to support building and staff growth. Through her dedication, effort and focus Ashlee quickly connected with staff on her grade level team as well as with the middle school staff as a whole.

Within the classroom Ashlee has been a leader implementing new curriculum and instructional strategies to support student learning. As we work to implement this new curriculum, Ashlee has taken a key leadership role in the implementation process. While working within her classroom to implement this new curriculum, Ashlee continuously puts her students first to create a student centered classroom that facilitates student learning, understanding and application skills. To support the work she is doing within the classroom, Ashlee has attend multiple trainings and professional development opportunities. Ashlee's openness to new ideas and willingness to learn has allowed her to become an innovative and invaluable staff member.

Outside the classroom Ashlee has also volunteered her time in support of multiple activities such as the Brushy Creek Honor Flight fundraiser to support local veterans. Through her efforts activities such as this have been extremely successful. This years fundraiser raised \$3600 dollars which funded 6 veterans to travel to Washington DC on the honor flight. Ashlee has also taken over as our Special Olympics coach and truly shows a passion for working with kids.

Ashlee Nichols is an outstanding teacher, leader, staff and community member that works tirelessly to benefit her students, the school and community as a whole. I strongly urge you to consider her for the Emerging Women of Influence Award. If I can be of any further assistance to you in this selection process please feel free to contact me.

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