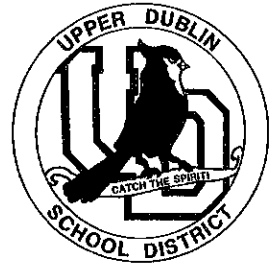




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To Whom It May Concern,

As the Superintendent of Schools in the School District of Upper Dublin, I am proud to offer this letter in support of Mark Miller for the office of President Elect for PSBA.

For the past twenty years I have served as a school administrator here in the suburban Philadelphia region area. Although I have never been employed in the same district as Mr. Miller, I have had the opportunity to work with him as part of several different events and initiatives and am well aware of who he is, what he stands for, and his outstanding reputation in the field of public education.

Mr. Miller is a second term School Director in the Centennial School District in Bucks County, Co-Chair of the Keystone State Education Association, the former Second Vice-President of PSBA and the current First Vice-President. In all my professional encounters with Mr. Miller, I never fail to be impressed by his knowledge and insights regarding major issues, and his tremendous passion and character. He has great political savvy, the heart of an idealist, and yet a very pragmatic *get things done* orientation.

In many respects, one might say that these are the most challenging times that many of us have witnessed in regard to public education in the Commonwealth. The importance of public education given the pressures of the job market and a shrinking middle class has never been greater, yet the resources to support public education have never been more constricted. To help fix a problem, one must first understand it, and Mr. Miller has a practitioner's grasp of all of the major issues confronting school

districts today, from the funding system to testing from charter schools to pension reform.

In closing, as school boards and local school districts find ourselves *in the fight of our lives*, it would behoove us to have as strong and as knowledgeable a spokesperson as possible in the chair of PSBA President. I know I speak for many of us as administrators and Board Representatives here in Southeastern Pennsylvania that Mark Miller has been and will continue to be a tireless advocate for public education, and will do even greater things if given the opportunity to serve as our next President at PSBA. If you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance in promoting his candidacy, please feel free to contact me at (215) 643-8802 or via e-mail at mpladus@udsd.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Pladus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Michael Pladus
Superintendent of Schools