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To Whom It May Concern:

Lucinda Sanders has been a member of my division as the State Coordinator for Technology Resource teachers for the past year (on leave from the Danville Independent Schools). I first knew Lucinda when she served as a consultant for Professional Development at KDE in 1986. I was impressed by the energy and dedication she brought to her position and was sorry to see her leave the Department. During the intervening years our paths crossed at various conferences, and our mutual interest in instructional technology kept us in touch. When I had an opening in my division that called for expertise in both technology and professional development, I was pleased to be able to hire Lucinda.

In the year that Lucinda has been here she has provided state leadership to the technology resource teachers in every region of the state by conducting workshops and participating in on-site-visits. She has provided extensive resources through the TRT list serve and web page. A talented researcher, she made it her business to be on the cutting edge of what works in technology integration and got that message to the people in the trenches. She promoted information about grants and guided our division through the first round of the Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) competitive portion of the No Child Left Behind Grant. Lucinda also ran a service for connecting Frankfort-based staff to the technology professional development they needed. She worked with divisions to do needs assessments in order to pinpoint the training they needed. She then worked with the resident experts in our division and others to bring "PD Direct" tailor made for their technology needs.

In addition to her primary responsibilities, Lucinda has also proved to be a consummate team player. Whether it was assisting in our Division's special projects, assisting with audits and reviews of schools, or presenting at conferences, we could always count on Lucinda's enthusiastic support. We will miss the unfailing good humor that she brought to our projects.

One of Lucinda's pet projects this year was with the University of California, Los Angeles's Interactive Multi-Media Exercise (IMMEX) initiative. She did much to promote this web-based, free, resource that promotes critical thinking. Because of her expertise with IMMEX, the Fayette County Schools have asked her to be the project administrator for a 1.3 million dollar IMMEX grant they received from the National Science Foundation in partnership with UCLA. Lucinda is excited about the prospects of directing a project over its 3 year life and I know she is exactly the right person to be doing this. But we will surely miss her here.

Sincerely,

Lydia Well-Sledge
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