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To whom it may concern,

It is with great gratification that I submit this letter of support for Officer Jessica Thomas. I have had the pleasure of working with Officer Jessica over the past five years as she served as our school police liaison officer.

Officer Jessica possesses many personality traits that contribute to her success as a school police liaison officer. She is extremely dedicated, hard working, and approaches her career with a positive attitude. One of Officer Jessica's greatest strengths is her ability to build partnerships. Over the last five years, Officer Jessica has worked hard to deepen the relationship between Hopkins Police Department and Hopkins Public Schools. Our students and community have greatly benefited from the following partnerships: Cops for kids, shopping with a cop, fishing with cops, Big Brothers Big Sisters, presences and pencils on the first day of school, and co-teaching of classroom lessons. Without Officer Jessica's organization and dedication, these programs would not exist.

Officer Jessica has remarkable presence as a school police liaison officer. She has the respect of students, has built good rapport with them, and establishes relationships with students and families. She is often called upon to assist school staff with the safety of students. Officer Jessica's calm but confident demeanor, combined with her tough love, has been an asset to the school support team. She has also been a valuable resource when navigating difficult situations. Her advice always puts safety first, but also focuses on strengthening relationships.

I am confident that Officer Jessica Thomas will be a valuable addition to the Carver County Sheriff's Office. She is knowledgeable, passionate, and successful in her role as a school police liaison officer. Please feel free to contact me with questions at sara.schmidt@hopkinsschools.org or 952-988-4345.

Sincerely,

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