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As a PRISM Educator Trainer and Co-chair of Provincial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee for the Department of Education and Early Years, it is a pleasure to write this letter of support for Krista Bryson and speak about the valuable contributions she makes to our Education system in PEI every day. Having worked with her closely through the PRISM Educator Training, a voluntary, three-day Anti-Racism training for educators in PEI, and seeing her transition that work into her role on the Provincial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee as a representative of PEI teachers, I can speak confidently to her professional competency and her genuine commitment to systemic change.

Krista doesn't just show up to professional development; she leans into it and puts it into practice. During our PRISM training, she demonstrated a deep understanding and practical application of self-awareness as a continuous process. She consistently examines how her own biases and identity influence personal and structural power dynamics, ensuring her everyday teaching as well as her leadership on the Provincial DEI Committee is both reflective and impactful.

Moving from participating in the PRISM educator training to joining the Provincial DEI Committee shows a clear path of service. She's taking what she's learned and applying it at a provincial level to benefit the broader educational community. On the committee, she bridges the gap between DEI theory and the day-to-day realities of a high school classroom. She's a practical, thoughtful voice who knows how to get things done. She has been a strong advocate for identifying and removing barriers in provincial curricula, ensuring that educational programs are more inclusive and reflective of all students' backgrounds.

Krista is exactly the kind of educator we need. Her work on the Provincial DEI Committee is a perfect example of her commitment to the profession beyond her own classroom and school walls. She isn't just checking a box; she is leading a necessary shift in making education accessible and equitable for students. She is a fantastic asset to our professional community, bringing a great blend of empathy, critical thinking, and a real work ethic.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Garland". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

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