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Letter of Testimony: Conrad Waitoa, Inspire in Education.

I write to you as principal of Haumoana School, Hawkes Bay. I have known Conrad Waitoa for a number of years and have experienced his work with students through Inspire in Education through two schools- Havelock North Intermediate (HNI) and Haumoana School. Haumoana School students by and large transition at year 6 to HNI for years 7 and 8.

Conrad's work with rangitahi of both these schools has seen those involved strengthen their confidence and sense of self worth. Connections are developed through Conrad's knowledge of wider whanau relationships, and enhanced with the use of tuakana teina in the transition process- students from HNI come to Haumoana School to be involved in small group sessions. These sessions are immensely popular amongst the attendees, and their parents/caregivers whole heartedly give their support. Transition to a new, larger urban school becomes easier as there are people the children can connect to.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Liz Vanderpump'.

Liz Vanderpump
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