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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Superintendent for Grand Blanc Community Schools, it is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Ms. Olivia Carmody in support of her digital portfolio as part of her application with the Michigan International Press Association. I have had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Carmody for many years because of her involvement in Grand Blanc Community Schools and the subsequent work she had done to help move our district forward as student advocate.

During the years of our acquaintance, I have known Olivia in many capacities. I witnessed Olivia take challenging classes and I have witnessed her determination and conviction throughout her high school experience to make a difference in the lives of others through her work with so many of our student programs. As a student in our high school L.E.A.D classroom, she presented ideas, thoughts and suggestions to our administrative team that would later be incorporated into the design of a new athletic complex (aquatics center, football stadium, etc.) that will forever shape the future of our school district. Olivia constantly strives to achieve and then surpass any goals she sets, and she is able to provide leadership and inspiration if things are not going as planned. Ms. Carmody has a level of determination and drive that is not often seen in today's young people. Whether it be her work in supporting her classmates or her work in our community, she is a model for other young people to emulate.

Because of her ambitious drive and determined nature, I know that Olivia will succeed in whatever endeavor she ventures in to, and I am confident that she will be an excellent scholar in whatever she pursues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clarence Garner".

Clarence Garner
Superintendent
Grand Blanc Community Schools

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