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To: Hanban Awards Committee

On behalf of Seattle Public Schools and the Confucius Institute of the State of Washington (CIWA), on whose Board I have agreed to serve, I am pleased to recommend that our CIWA Chinese Director, Wenqiu Wang, be recognized as the **Chinese Director of the Year**.

Ms. Wang has provided tremendous support for the expansion of Chinese language culture in our district and beyond. In particular, we appreciate her work to designate Chief Sealth International School as a Confucius Classroom (in April 2016) and her continuing support of our visiting teacher from Chongqing, who have enriched our schools in Seattle so very much.

I personally am grateful for the opportunity I had in fall of 2016 to travel to Chongqing and visit our partner schools, Nankai Secondary School and Renmin Primary School, in person. Wenqiu's leadership and hard work in Seattle and Chongqing made this trip possible. It has strengthened our relationships across the Pacific Ocean and opened new opportunities to our students.

In summary, Wenqiu's accomplishments are excellent. Thank you for considering her for this great honor in 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Nyland", is written over the word "Sincerely," and extends across the line.

Dr. Larry Nyland, Superintendent, Seattle Public Schools  
Member of the Confucius Institute of the State of Washington (CIWA) Board of Directors