

## **WEST HUDSON ASSOCIATES**

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### **Pablo Muñoz**

In my role as the Commissioner of Education for the State of New Jersey, I routinely visited school districts throughout the State to assess and discuss teaching and learning. During this time, as well as my total forty-five years in education, I have met many outstanding educators. I would put Mr. Pablo Muñoz at the top of that list.

Pablo began his educational journey as a student in the Elizabeth School District where he attended elementary through high school. Excelling as a student, he continued his studies at Yale University. It was during his time at Yale that Pablo was approached by a professor who suggested he consider teaching as a career.

Completing the circle, Pablo returned to Elizabeth and began his teaching career. It was not long before his abilities were recognized, and he moved throughout the system and ultimately assumed the role of Superintendent of the Elizabeth School District. Among his many extraordinary achievements, Pablo redesigned the one high school into six distinct schools serving the community. These six high schools in the Elizabeth District soon became known for their excellence in education.

Following his notable success at Elizabeth, Pablo was chosen as the Superintendent of Schools for the Passaic District. A district of 15,000 students, Passaic was one of the lowest performing districts in the State of New Jersey. During his seven years at Passaic, Pablo recruited talented teachers, inspired student engagement, and demonstrated academic progress each year.

Pablo is talented, considerate, bright, and action oriented. His commitment to excellence is beyond outstanding. He has demonstrated throughout his career that he can assess, plan, and implement to build systems for better results. In addition to these attributes, he has strong character, is a consummate team builder, understands the importance of data and sees a challenge as an opportunity. These characteristics set him apart and are the foundation of his success and achievements.

In my opinion, Pablo would be an excellent consultant who would bring strong expertise to meet the challenges facing communities, students, and educators today and into the future.

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