As Principal of ________________________________ located in ____________________ Massachusetts, I support the candidacy of ___________ ___________________ who has applied to the University of Massachusetts Lowell College of Education’s Administrative Leadership program leading to Principal Licensure in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

With admission to the College of Education comes the candidate’s responsibility and commitment to the program and its outcomes. As principal, I understand that s/he will:

a. Be required to engage in field-based work in the school/district which will enable him/her to learn about administrative leadership and prepare him/her to complete the four Massachusetts Performance Assessments for Leaders (MA-PAL) required for certification as a principal. This will include:
   - Collaborating with at least 3 colleagues in a professional learning project
   - Practicing the instructional leader’s role in a teacher evaluation cycle (not an official evaluation)
   - Collaborating with a school-based team to collect and analyze multiple forms of data
   - Interviewing family members, students, and teachers to gain a better understanding of diversity issues

b. Complete a Principal Practicum consisting of at least 500 hours of field-based work, which I or my designee will mentor together with a UMass Lowell practicum supervisor. The practicum will provide opportunities for the candidate to take on administrative work that will assist the administrative team of the school and/or district.

c. Meet requirements and fulfill responsibilities in accordance with local regulations.

__________________________________  ____________________________________  _________
Principal print name                  Principal signature                     Date

Candidate for Admission for **M.Ed. / Ed.S.** Administrative Leadership: Principal Licensure Program

(Print Name): ________________________________

(Student number – if known) ___________________________________________________________________

**** Candidate must submit this form as part of his/her admission application ****

Candidate must send this completed form as part of his/her Graduate Admissions Application to:
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