Dear Recommender,

Thank you for supporting an applicant to the Chicago EYES on Cancer program at the University of Chicago. Chicago EYES on Cancer welcomes secondary science educators from the Chicago area to expand their capacity for inquiry-driven, project-based instruction. Participants work full-time for two consecutive summers in the laboratories of established cancer researchers, gaining hands-on experience in areas at the forefront of the field: cancer immunology, pharmacogenomics of anticancer agents, experimental cancer therapeutics, cancer disparities, and more. The summer experience also includes curriculum development workshops, a cancer-based faculty lecture series, individualized mentoring, and a culminating research symposium for colleagues, family and members of the scientific community. During the intervening school year, participants receive ongoing support as they implement new knowledge and skills in the classroom. Admission to Chicago EYES on Cancer is highly competitive. Approximately three new teacher research fellows are selected each year. More information about the program can be found here: cancer.uchicago.edu/eyes

Please prepare a letter supporting your applicant's involvement in Chicago EYES on Cancer. You should discuss the applicant's qualities as a science educator as well as what her/his participation in the program means for your school community. Letters can be submitted through our online recommendation form, accessible here: http://j.mp/2DfMgNB

For full consideration, your letter must be submitted by midnight on Sunday, January 27th, 2019. Please direct all questions to EYES@bsd.uchicago.edu or call 773-702-4678. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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