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To Whom it May Concern,

As a recently retired superintendent and educator in Spartanburg County for 29 years as well as a lifelong advocate for early childhood literacy strategies, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the children's book series featuring Annabelle and her colorful friends, the CoGlo Amigos, authored by Rhonda Atkins Leonard. This remarkable series has proven to be an invaluable resource for early childhood education, particularly in South Carolina, where it has been integrated into a pilot program with significant success.

The initiative's success can be attributed to the comprehensive approach taken by Leonard and her team, who provided professional development sessions for teachers and incorporated at-home activities to engage parents. This holistic approach has been met with positive feedback from both educators and parents. One parent remarked that the activities were especially helpful for those unfamiliar with guiding their children through books, and many noted their children's excitement and willingness to share the stories with siblings.

The Annabelle and CoGlo Amigos series stands as a testament to the power of innovative educational tools in fostering early childhood development. The program's success in Spartanburg County serves as a promising model for statewide implementation, which could benefit countless children across South Carolina and well beyond.

I wholeheartedly support the continued development and expansion of this program and believe it will have a lasting positive impact on early childhood education. Rhonda Atkins Leonard and her team have created a valuable resource that not only educates but also inspires young learners, and I am confident that their efforts will continue to yield remarkable results.

Thank you for considering my endorsement of this outstanding program.

Sincerely,

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