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**Endorsement: NGO Award
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No organisation or school can flourish without dedicated and responsible leadership and no intervention in under-performing schools will have a lasting change if there is a leadership vacuum at the school.

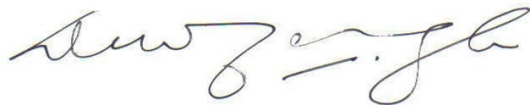
Meanwhile, many leaders in well performing corporations have the training and skills to assist, but they do not have an awareness of the challenges faced at under-resourced schools in SA. These leaders are most often willing to help, but they have not been exposed to these challenges yet, nor are they aware that there are formal programmes that can offer them an opportunity to make a difference.

With Partners for Possibility these two worlds come together with fantastic results. Business leaders join in to help and are exposed to the hope and courage of teachers, the principal and the children at their assigned school. These leaders soon learn how to manage in a complex set-up, which characterises many under-resourced schools in SA and allow them to lead where they have no direct authority.

At the same time the principals benefit from their perspectives being broadened by engaging with business leaders. It has been shown that these principals show an increase in their productive capacity as well as greater enthusiasm and commitment for their challenging task. The access they have to the business leader's network and resources is an additional bonus.

I wholeheartedly endorse the work done by Partners for Possibility and I believe in their capability to change our basic education sector for the better.

Yours sincerely,



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