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e. If this is an initial waiver request, explain what makes the applicant the best candidate

Taryn Reynolds is the most outstanding candidate for this Program Manager position. The Program Manager oversees the Counseling Enriched Program (CEP) for Santa Rosa City Schools. This program serves students with social emotional and mental health challenges that prevent their access to education. Taryn, as a long time school psychologist with Santa Rosa City Schools, has vast experience in this area, in terms of identifying students who might be supported by this program, assessing and providing mental health related supports, and working with students in these areas. She has written many IEPs and has served as served as an LEA representative in many meetings. In addition, because of her experience, she knows how the Santa Rosa City Schools system operates and has a wide range of existing contacts within the organization. In particular, she has a strong professional relationship with the school psychologist attached to the program. She was easily the strongest candidate. Taryn has passed the written portion of the administrative. Credential exam, and is scheduled to take the performance portion on Thursday, September 26.