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SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Sir / Madam,

It is my great professional and personal honor to recommend Miss Jessica F. Hynek to your school district.

My first grade students and I have had the pleasure of working and learning with Jessica during her student teaching assignment at Highland Primary Center. Throughout her time in our district, I have had the opportunity to witness first hand the many attributes and characteristics that make her an exceptional teacher candidate. Jessica easily gains the trust and friendship of the students she teaches as well as the teachers and administrators with which she works. Her maturity combined with her love of teaching creates a positive learning environment for all students under her care.

Jessica's greatest strength is her optimistic and exuberant attitude which shines through in her commitment to her students and profession. Her passion for learning was transferred to her students as she inspired them to think critically, work creatively and perform at their very best on each and every task. Her understanding of, and enthusiasm for teaching was clearly evident in her lesson design and her ability to apply the Common Core Standards. Her lessons incorporated and were a balance of choice literature, technology, hands-on learning activities as well as, materials designed specifically by Miss Hynek to meet the needs of her students. Jessica immersed her students in each and every lesson by creating a sense of wonder and excitement for learning. While teaching a unit on Penguins, the room was transformed into an exhibit of Antarctica to engage the children in the writing process culminating with the children authoring their own books on the subject. No matter the activity/lesson Jessica tackled each with an energy and devotion comparable to that of a master craftsman. Her self-reflective nature coupled with her desire to be the very best was a constant throughout her experience. It was through examples like these, and many others too numerous to mention, that Miss Hynek demonstrated her understanding of the foundations of education as well as her zeal to be among the elite in her chosen field.

In closing, Jessica is a committed teacher-leader. She displays high standards for herself and her students. Miss Hynek has a great respect for the education of the children in her class, the instructional strategies she uses and the curriculum she delivers. In my 10 years of hosting student teachers I can say, without question, that Jessica is in a class of her own. It is therefore, without hesitation, that I strongly recommend Miss Jessica F. Hynek to any school district that is fortunate to have her as a faculty member.

Respectfully,

William D. Ford
First Grade Teacher
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