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To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to serve as a reference for Marilyn Northey who is seeking a position as a K-12 specialist art teacher. Marilyn has been my academic advisee as well as a student in A ED 490, the Capstone Course in Art Education that I taught during spring semester 2004.

Marilyn has been a conscientious student, well organized and thoughtful in her approach to class assignments, as well as in how she has organized her academic program. She has built her professional knowledge through active participation in the courses she has taken, but also by participating in Penn State's student chapter of the Pennsylvania Art Education Association/National Art Education Association. She has served as an officer in the PAEA/NAEA chapter, helping to organize groups from Penn State who attended two national conferences as well as state conferences. With the student chapter she has participated in several community art projects, gaining additional teaching and leadership experience.

Her digital e-portfolio demonstrates her growing skills with computer-based electronic media as well as her understanding of children's artistic and aesthetic development. As a presenter in a group panel on current education policy for A ED 490, Marilyn demonstrated her ability to research, understand, and clearly explain complex issues. She is becoming a thoughtful reflective practitioner who uses self-assessment to improve her teaching skills.

Marilyn works well with her peers. She is a good team player who worked effectively with her partners in teaching a curriculum planned around the theme of community to a group of seven- and eight-year-olds in Penn State's Saturday art classes. I can highly recommend Marilyn to any school district. She has the potential to become an excellent art educator who balances knowledge of her subject with care for her students.

Please email me at mas53@psu.edu or telephone 814-863-7307 if you want to discuss Marilyn's qualifications further.

Sincerely,

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