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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend Marilyn Northey as a future art educator with a K-12 certificate to teach art, obtained from The Pennsylvania State University as of January 2005.

While on her practicum, in both elementary and secondary settings, she was asked to create and implement standards based lessons in art, which were sensitive to diverse learners and various student populations. To expand her awareness of professional practice as an educator, she was also asked to observe classroom management and pedagogical models, create case studies within and outside of her discipline, and to engage in reflective practice with her mentor, setting both personal and professional goals to impact her future teaching. Ms. Northey was also asked to participate in all professional responsibilities that her mentors performed, including faculty meetings, parent teacher conferences, assessment, and report card preparation.

Ms. Northey's strength as an art educator lies in her sincere desire to make art education a meaningful engagement for all students. During her practicum, she had the opportunity to work at the middle school level with a group of Life Skills students that gave her the challenge of modifying art lessons to suit the needs of many learning capabilities; she met the challenge admirably. Ms. Northey has a very gracious and encouraging teaching style, when working with all ages of students, and would be an asset to your school community.

I recommend Marilyn Northey for future employment and welcome further communication on this matter.

Sincerely,

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