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FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

May 15, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this recommendation on behalf of Kaitlin Gallup. Although she is in her first year as an ELL teacher at Shawnee, she has quickly become an active member of our Shawnee family. Kaitlin has a true passion for working with our ELL students, particularly those who require the most supports. Her past experiences of international travel and study give her invaluable opportunities to develop relationships with her international students.

Kaitlin builds strong, positive relationships with her students. Beyond the content and instruction, she takes a special interest in students so they feel valued and welcomed in her room. When observing her classroom, the supportive climate and culture are tangible; students enjoy learning and are eager to please their teacher. Kaitlin is calm, reassuring, and perpetually enthusiastic. Her strong skillset with technology allows her to engage students and serve as a resource to her colleagues.

Kaitlin routinely demonstrates her commitment to our students and families beyond the instructional day. Each day after school, she can be found tutoring students or sponsoring clubs (Japanese Club, Puzzle Club, Zumba Club). She is always available to support parents and teaching colleagues. I am impressed with her enthusiasm and hard work. Kaitlin is one of those employees who exudes a love for her job and I enjoy conversing with her regarding her insights into her students.

I am saddened that a decrease in the number of students has resulted in a decrease in our allocation for ELL teachers at Shawnee. If I could employ Kaitlin full time, I would do so in an instant. She is the type of teacher that all principals desire to have teaching and supporting their students.

Please feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Schiebel', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Matt Schiebel,
Principal



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