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Delaplaine McDaniel Elementary School

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter recommendation for Ms. Karen Kauffmann. I have known Ms. Kauffmann since December 2009. Ms. Kauffmann is the Music teacher for Delaplaine McDaniel School. As the school Principal, I have had the opportunity to observe the teaching practices and work ethic of Ms. Kauffmann as our music teacher. Ms. Kauffmann is an effective educator, an advocate for her students, and a dependable colleague.

Ms. Kauffmann is a music teacher who believes all children can learn and is capable of music literacy. She provides music instruction to over eight hundred students from grades kindergarten through seventh grade. Ms. Kauffmann teaches music that engages her students' minds and bodies through a mixture of singing, playing instruments and dancing. In addition, her lessons are planned to connect music appreciation to the students' culture and social consciousness to promote respect for other cultures and social issues. The well-balanced music education program that she provides educates our student about the history of jazz, classical, and western music. Ms. Kauffmann ensures that every lesson is based on the National Standards for Music Education.

Moreover, Ms. Kauffmann is an asset to the professional learning community. She has sphere headed musical concerts that have been instrumental in promoting parental involvement. She maintains a positive rapport and an open door policy with all of our school constituents to promote a healthy school culture.

Ms. Kauffmann is a dependable employee with a good attendance and punctuality record. If you should have any further questions regarding this recommendation, please feel free to contact me at the contact information listed above.

Respectfully yours,

Darlynn Gray
Principal