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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend April Wells for a position in your school or district. I have worked closely with April over the past 6 years at the Jewish Academy in Commack. I was her supervisor and can attest to her outstanding teaching abilities and talents.

When April joined our team in 2010, she not only became a member of our faculty, she also became a leader within our school. She integrated easily with students and parents, organized a beautiful classroom, created outstanding lessons that were created with interdisciplinary components, differentiation, hands-on activities and most of all enthusiasm! Some years she taught in an integrated 1st and 2nd grade classroom others she taught 2nd grade and has even looped with many of her students. April has shown a tremendous ability to organize lessons for her students. She engages all students and maintains a comfortable and cohesive environment where her students feel safe to challenge themselves and try new things. Her students transition well from one segment to the other and she successfully utilizes several techniques for classroom management. She is accommodating to special needs and always keeps this in mind while planning activities, lessons and classroom placement. Technology is another valuable strength in which April utilizes on a daily basis. April has extensive knowledge of technology integration and Smartboard programs and applications. She successfully integrates technology into the curriculum and seamlessly organizes her lessons to blend both hands-on activities and technology. She was our school’s educational technology specialist and along with teaching her regular class she also taught technology classes to all the other grades daily. She is also a tremendous help to the administration and faultily with computer related issues, integration ideas and provides weekly professional development sessions for the entire faculty. She has a wonderful rapport with her students and their families. April has proven to be very approachable. Parents and students from all grade levels love and respect her. Many parents came to our school for the purpose of putting their child into April’s class.

April was also our school’s theatre director. She has a full background and training in the performing arts and has been a drama teacher for children for many years. She has enabled students from all grade levels to shine on stage and has written and directed amazing performances that have been met with rave reviews by our students, parents and staff!

I am confident April Wells has the knowledge, skills, talent and the desire to be an outstanding teacher in your school district. Please feel free to contact me if you feel that I might be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Alyson Parilla

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