

To whom it may concern,

I highly recommend Katy Jones for a teaching position at your school. I have had the pleasure of working with Katy as her master teacher for her full-time student teaching assignment this year and have seen Katy grow immensely as a teacher candidate during this time. She has been a dedicated member of the classroom, 3rd grade team and school from the start. She has been committed to developing her teaching skills, taking into account feedback from her supervisor and myself, attending professional developments and grade level meetings. Katy has gone above and beyond the required student teaching expectations, asking questions, giving input and creating her own routines.

Katy is always willing to put in the time and energy it takes to build strong relationships with students and teachers. Despite the limitations of virtual teaching Katy built a strong rapport with her students immediately by meeting with students 1-on-1 and in small groups in zoom breakout rooms. Katy has excellent communication skills and even established strong relationships with families; during conferences Katy gave input and used her bilingual Spanish skills to translate. She attended weekly Professional Developments with our school staff where she openly shared ideas and gave valuable feedback making Katy an integral member of our community.

Katy is an excellent collaborator and team member. In our weekly 3rd grade collaboration meetings she volunteers to take on tasks and contributes in the planning. Our team redesigned a Project Based Learning project for online learning and Katy designed the rubric and added many special touches to make learning fun. It was Katy's idea for us to choose a virtual class pet. She organized the class vote, taught students about the tigers and checked in on them each week. Students loved this! I came to see Katy as a partner teacher who shared in all aspects of teaching. During this time I've seen firsthand that Katy always sets out to accomplish tasks with great initiative and a positive attitude. She designed and administered assessments and created a full math unit. All of this took place during full distance learning and required creativity, problem solving, flexibility and perseverance; all of which Katy possesses.

Katy has shown excellent initiative as a teacher candidate. Her passion for social justice and equity is inspiring. She would be an excellent addition to any school. I recommend Katy to you without reservation. Please contact me if you need any further information.

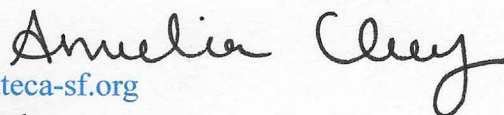
Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Amelia Clay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amelia" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Clay".