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Red Cedar Elementary School

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March 19, 2010

Letter of recommendation for **Ms. Megan Carnaghi**

To Whom It May Concern:

Ms. Megan Carnaghi was an intern teacher in my building August 24, 2009 through April 29, 2010. Her intern placement was in a full day kindergarten self-contained classroom composed of 21 students, 10 girls and 11 boys, including special needs students. During her internship, Ms. Carnaghi was responsible for complete planning and execution of lessons in all curricular areas of kindergarten in the classroom of Ms. Tami Teszlewicz.


Our school of 235 kindergarten through fourth grade students is located in a lower to middle socio-economic area of East Lansing, Michigan. It is adjacent to Michigan State University. We serve an extremely culturally diverse population from MSU's university housing complexes, as well as a core residential area. We also serve approximately 35% of students enrolled as Schools of Choice families. Children currently represent approximately 50 countries and 38 languages and dialects other than English. Additionally, we house the Cognitively Impaired Basic Classroom for the East Lansing Public Schools, housing 9 students ranging in age from 5 – 13.

Throughout her internship, Ms. Carnaghi demonstrated excellent organization, management, and curricular expertise in all subject areas. Ms. Carnaghi also demonstrated outstanding development and strength of her level of classroom discipline and student management skill. She has fully participated in all parent-school communication (conferences and report cards), maintaining fine professionalism, while being sensitive to family situations and student needs.

Ms. Carnaghi brought a delightful enthusiasm, as well as an outstanding knowledge base to all of her teaching. She interacted wonderfully with our students, using firmness and fairness in a kind, warm, humorous demeanor. She gained and maintained student respect by the on-going respect she demonstrated for each of them. She demonstrated exceptional flexibility, patience, and a remarkably calm demeanor in various difficult situations that can arise in the classroom. In her professional dealings, Ms. Carnaghi developed good collegial relationships with all members of the school staff. Her use of technology and technological expertise has supported the entire staff in a variety of practical ways throughout the school year.

In my 26 years of teaching elementary school and twelve years as an administrator, I have had the opportunity to mentor many young professionals as they begin their careers. Ms. Carnaghi is a well-prepared, sensitive, enthusiastic individual based on my continued observations. She has the outstanding qualities you are looking for in a truly professional teacher.

If further information regarding Ms. Carnaghi's abilities and experience is needed, please feel free to contact me. It is my belief she would be an outstanding addition to your professional staff.

Sincerely,

Mindy Emerson,
Principal,
Red Cedar Elementary School