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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of the candidacy of Mrs. Jennifer Penfield to a teaching position in your school district.

Mrs. Penfield was a non-traditional student teacher at Earle C. Davis Primary this spring. Her placement was with a heterogeneous kindergarten class of eighteen boys and girls. She was welcomed back to our school, as she worked her as an instructional aide before choosing to pursue a teaching credential.

Jennifer's performance during her student teaching placement was exemplary. She demonstrated many of the qualities this district looks for in new teachers. She knew that she was here to learn and practice new skills. Her cooperating teacher spoke of her as a new teacher willing to listen and responsive to direction. Indeed, she characterized her as one of the most highly skilled student teachers with whom she has worked. Jennifer's planning was detailed and appropriately standards-based. While able to control her class with confidence and ease, she remained sensitive to the needs of each child and formed lasting relationships with them.

I observed Ms. Penfield teach a guided reading lesson. During this literacy block she worked with three leveled groups. The rest of the class worked quietly and appropriately at centers all the while. JJ knew what to look for in each reader; and selected works aligned to varying instructional levels. Her praise served to motivate each of them. "Excellent, Mason, good use of a picture clue."

This lesson was representative of the quality of Mrs. Penfield's teaching. Her growing knowledge of pedagogy and child development is preparing her to enter our profession. Please call me if you have need of additional information.

Sincerely,

Tim Welsh, Principal

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