



WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Westtown-Thornbury Elementary School

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Nora Wheeler, Principal

Dear Sir or Madam:

Julianne Alexander taught kindergarten Westtown Thornbury Elementary School in the West Chester Area School District located in Pennsylvania during the 2017-18 school year. During that time I found Julianne to be a mature, dedicated, and capable student teacher.

As her cooperating teacher, I observed Julianne teaching all subject areas. Julianne's lesson planning was superb. She was able to modify lessons and activities to meet the varying needs of the students in the classroom. She was always willing to give whatever it took to do a fine job.

Julianne prepared and taught her lessons with confidence and effectiveness. She put forth a lot of thought and reflection into her teaching and planning. As a result, she was able to carry out a variety of activities to challenge the students. These activities were varied and showed a good understanding of children's abilities and interests. She utilized techniques in her instruction that both captured and raised student motivation. Julianne was the kind of teacher who focused on the strengths of the students which allowed them to succeed.

Julianne took increasing responsibility in the classroom, culminating in over three months of lead teaching where she took over complete classroom control. I was impressed with the serious and concerned attitude Julianne assumed about her teaching. She interacted well with students and maintained excellent classroom control. Julianne was always consistent with her discipline. Several of Julianne's students had unique needs and she was able to work with various support staff in an effort to meet such individual instructional needs.

During her year-long tenure as a practicum student and student teacher, Julianne gained the respect and admiration of the teaching staff, administration, students and parents. Her interaction with these people was personal and meaningful.

Julianne is a person with high quality personal and professional expectations. I was impressed with Julianne's ability to reflect on her teaching, the curriculum, social implications of schooling, and the power of the educational process on students.

Julianne has the skill, ability, and potential to be successful in her endeavors. Any school or school system with the vision to hire her will find her an asset to their program.

I offer my best personal and professional recommendation to you for Julianne Alexander. She is an exemplary model of a true lifelong learner. I encourage and invite you to call me with any questions you might have regarding this outstanding educator.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Pinto

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