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RE: Kristen Mielke

To whom it may concern:

It is my distinct pleasure to wholeheartedly recommend Miss Kristen Mielke as a classroom teacher for grades K-8 in any school.

I have known Kristen well during her years here at Bethany Lutheran College as her professor in six education classes, her academic advisor, the observer of her clinical experiences, and as a supervisor of student teaching. In addition, I have talked with her outside of class on many occasions. Simply put, she has a broad knowledge base and is an outstanding student. Among Kristen's many strengths are her confidence, calm demeanor, level-headedness, and humble attitude toward children and colleagues.


During the occasions when I have visited Kristen's field experience classrooms, I have observed her teaching well-planned lessons and managing the children most skillfully. More importantly perhaps, is that all students in Miss Mielke's classes are warmly and positively regarded as capable learners. In response, the children respect and like her. She is a natural leader whom children will want to follow.

In my opinion, Kristen Mielke is a delightful young woman who exemplifies all of the qualities one might desire when hiring a teacher and, by extension, a colleague and community member. In fact, she excels in several categories: positive outlook, reliability, dependability, humility, intuition, communication skills, organization, professionalism, sense of humor, and creativity, as well as the ability to collaborate efficiently and graciously. In addition, she is a proven leader on the volleyball court and in athletics in general, so the school district that is fortunate to hire her also potentially could get a gifted coach.

Miss Mielke is highly regarded by her professors and fellow students at Bethany. Personally, I would want someone of Kristen's caliber on my team of educators if I were again in an elementary or middle school. It has been a joy and a privilege for me to work with her here at Bethany Lutheran College, and I am confident without a shadow of a doubt that she will be an exceptional teacher, colleague, and role model in any school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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