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To Whom It May Concern;

It is with great pleasure that I am writing a letter of recommendation for Danielle DeRoos. Danielle has worked in my 1st grade classroom at Pine Creek Elementary since August of 2004.

Danielle approached me before the school year began, looking for a classroom where she could fulfill her requirements for her Career Explorer class at West Ottawa High School. I could immediately tell that Danielle was different than most high school students. She wasn't looking for an easy class to get her through her senior year. She discussed her career goals with me as well as her interests and experiences working with young children.

Danielle has far exceeded my expectations. Her dependability, creativity, flexibility, concern for the students, and eagerness to go the extra mile will make her an effective educator.

Danielle understands that dependability and punctuality are key factors in the success of a teacher. She has always made me aware of schedule changes well in advance and offered ways that she could make the change work for our class. Even in the winter, when she was overwhelmed with school and not feeling 100%, she came to class everyday and the students never knew that she wasn't feeling well!

Danielle's creativity and flexibility are a huge asset for her, especially in a 1st grade classroom! As a teacher, I am constantly changing approaches or strategies to better address my students' needs. These changes have not confused or flustered Danielle. On the contrary, she has become an excellent adaptor to the students' needs as well. If she sees a student struggling, she gives the appropriate support and help without needing to ask for my assistance. The students in our classroom are more successful because of Danielle.

The students know that "Miss Danielle" cares for them. Danielle cares for them by setting high expectations, offering help, spending time with them, and also by setting firm limits. The students respond well to her kind, but firm discipline.

Danielle understands that the teacher's day does not begin at 8:20 and end at 3:15. She has missed countless hours of her own free time by staying in our class a little longer to help me catch up on work. She has even come in on the weekend to help me prepare for the school week! Danielle understands the high demands on a teacher's time and she is eager to accept those demands.

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My team of 1st grade teachers has watched Danielle work with the students over this past school year and often comment to me on her natural ability to work with children. One teacher even commented, "She doesn't need to go to college. She could be a teacher right now!" Danielle's college education is going to supplement her already natural instincts and abilities with children.

If you have any further comments, questions, or concerns, please call me at 616-786-1632 (work) or 616-340-6051 (home).

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