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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this recommendation letter for Hillary Adams. Currently, Hillary is a fifth and sixth grade Visual Arts teacher at Fire Prairie Upper Elementary in the Fort Osage School District. During my association with Hillary since 2017, I have been amazed at the student engagement in her classes, which is a direct result of learning being relevant, rigorous, and fun for the kids.

Getting kids excited about Visual Arts by being excited herself is something which makes Hillary a phenomenal teacher. What a joy it has been to see the community of learning, respect, and fun the kids experience each day in Hillary's class. She continually explores and implements new innovative ideas and activities which accommodates for students of all abilities. Hillary truly cares about each kid. She makes it her mission to reach and teach all students by meeting them "where they are". The high expectations, coupled with the belief she has in them, are only a couple of reasons why students continually overachieve and master skills in her class.

Hillary impressed me from day one with her ability to build relationships among the staff, students, and parents. Hillary is a selfless individual who constantly does things for others. Many times I have witnessed Hillary providing a mental and emotional charge to staff and students through her positive presence and words. She is definitely one who believes in building up others with her words and actions. One of the great things about Hillary is how she does countless things for others with such a giving heart, never expecting anything in return. Her daily presence has been instrumental in Fire Prairie maintaining a positive climate since her arrival.

Hillary is a loyal team member who supports school and district initiatives. Her implementation of TAB, BIST, and mastery learning are only a few reasons why she is revered by her colleagues. Hillary's presence and leadership in PBIS, PALS, and district content teams have contributed to the growth of our school and district.

Hillary's passion for kids, education, and success will make a significant impact in the school district which is lucky to have her as an employee. I have no hesitation in recommending Hillary to you and welcome any further questions you have. I may be reached at 816-820-6592.

Sincerely,



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