



To Whom it May Concern:

I have had the honor and pleasure of working with Nicole Conway for the past year in the Art Education Department at Kutztown University, PA. I have been an art educator for over thirteen years and worked with numerous student teachers. Ms. Conway stands out as one of the best and brightest. Ms. Conway is a wonderful teacher, a caring and compassionate colleague and motivating leader. She possesses all the skills and attributes that make for a wonderful art educator.

One of her many strengths is her ability to write engaging and motivating lessons. She possesses a keen awareness of how to capture students through the use of developing lessons and units around "Big Ideas." Within the lessons she utilizes a strong background in multiple studio techniques. In the elementary setting she designed original and creative lessons for each grade level, focused around critical thinking skills. One lesson looked at mail art and then students designed interesting packages that shared something about them. These were then mailed to another school in the district. This provided a great opportunity for students to work collaboratively and build community. She continually goes above and beyond by creating a wealth of resources for students to draw from, especially through implementing technology. In addition, the Pennsylvania Art Standards are vital to her lessons as well as student self-reflections and class critiques.

Ms. Conway goes above and beyond in all she does and has the skills necessary for the dynamic working environment of any K-12 art room setting. She is also very energetic and is motivated to work in education beyond the walls of the classroom. While at Kutztown University she was actively involved with the student chapter of the National Art Education Association. She acted as the promotion chair. Ms. Conway is also a strong visual artist, creating beautiful and well designed jewelry. Ms. Conway continually self-reflects and looks for opportunities to learn and grow as an educator.

I highly recommend Ms. Conway. I know her enthusiasm for working with students and art education will contribute strongly to a school community. Ms. Conway will share her expertise beyond the walls of the art room, giving back to the teaching profession in all she does. Please feel free to contact me with further questions at wunder@kutztown.edu or by phone: 610-683-1105.

Sincerely,

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