



## Marion Walker Elementary School

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To Whom It May Concern:

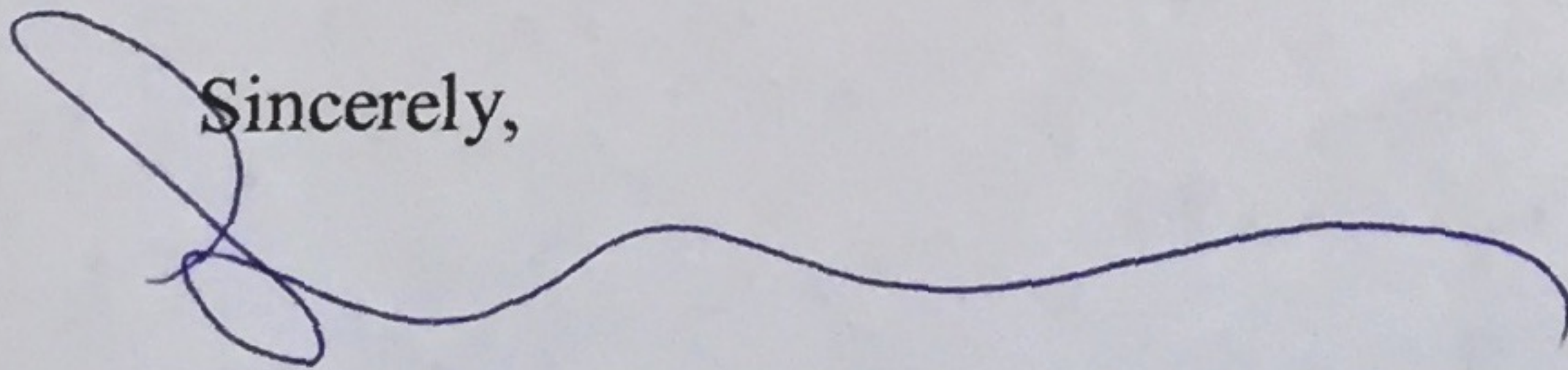
It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Ms. Nicole Conway. I have worked with and supervised Ms. Conway over the past four years. This experience has given me opportunity to work with and observe Nicole's performance as a professional, both in and outside of the classroom.

Nicole has contributed to our Fine Arts Department with both talent and expertise. She has boosted interest and confidence in students within the arts encouraging them to explore this discipline beyond the walls of the classroom. Nicole has ignited a passion and love for art in students that, I believe, is an extension of herself. Upon arriving at the Bellefonte Area School District, Nicole "hit the ground running" and built successful, comprehensive programming within the arts! While leadership may be notable, Nicole is also a team player who will step beyond the norm and work with colleagues to enhance students' educational experiences. One example of her work would be the implementation of an elementary art show where not only students' artwork is displayed, but professional artists, art commissions, secondary art students and the entire elementary instrumental and string program contributed to the richness of the evening. Hundreds attended and raved about the evening and her work.

In addition to building our art programming, Nicole also acts as an elementary technology coordinator. Within this capacity she supports and bolsters instructional technology among classroom teachers. She also participates in technology planning for the district. Whether Nicole is teaching students or teaching teachers, she exudes enthusiasm for her work urging those within her charge to excel in whatever they do.

With a heavy heart, I highly recommend Ms. Nicole Conway for any professional position she is credentialed to carry out. She is a positive member of the Marion-Walker faculty and the broader district staff, and will be deeply missed. I believe you will find her to be an asset to your organization.

Sincerely,



Sharlene M. Yontosh  
Elementary Principal