

Austin Independent School District



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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Melissa Lazarides for an elementary teaching position. Having known Ms. Lazarides for the past year, her first year as a 2nd grade teacher, I honestly believe she is the best novice teacher I have seen in years.

First and foremost, she is a professional. She takes her job very seriously and has an incredibly fun time doing it. She arrives early and stays late, making sure every day is a wonderful new day for her beloved students. She follows the curriculum and stretches far beyond the limits to ensure that all children are engaged and successful. Her work ethic is definitely commendable.

Ms. Lazarides' teaching is amazing. She looks each and every student in the eyes and lets them know she is there for them. She expects and accepts only the best and that is what she models for her students. Academically and behaviorally she reminds her students that they are in control of themselves and their learning. Ms. Lazarides has learned early on that she is the guide to knowledge, thus her students have become confident thinkers and problem solvers.

The school that hires Melissa will find itself very fortunate. She brings with her a wealth of worldly experiences that few young people in our country have. She is a collegial team player and a campus contributor. Her enthusiasm is contagious and her openness sincere.

Again, I highly recommend Melissa Lazarides. She is an outstanding educator who will be a valuable asset to any educational staff. If I can be of further assistance on her behalf, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Most sincerely,

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