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To Whom It May Concern:

Amy Smith is a conscientious professional who is committed to student learning. She is excited about literacy and learning and translates this excitement throughout the school. Amy develops and maintains strong positive relationships not only with the students, but with community and staff as well.

In her first grade classroom she has established procedures and consequences which she consistently implements with firmness and great care. Amy develops ways to engage her students in lessons and promotes active participation by all students. She utilizes differentiated instruction techniques effectively ensuring the success of all students. Amy is also involved with curriculum development involving alignment with the GLCE's and school improvement policies and procedures.

Amy brings many skills to her profession and is capable and thoughtful when taking on the challenges of teaching. She is eager, energetic, persistent and willing to volunteer for activities that will benefit her school. She obviously loves and honors her profession. Amy Smith will be a successful asset to any school.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kellie Kanicki



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April 25, 2005
Diane Hofman
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my privilege to recommend Amy Smith for a position in your school district. Amy has taught at Francis Reh Public School Academy for the past 3 years. She has been very successful in the classroom in a great many areas. Amy works effectively with students, parents and her fellow professionals.

In my observations during the time Amy has been at the academy, I have seen the growth of a dedicated professional. Amy has participated in the Michigan Literacy Progress Profile training and is effectively using the skills she has learned. Amy communicates and works with parents and assesses and monitors the progress of the students who are in her class. Amy has excellent classroom skills and is very effective in motivating her students. Amy also has organizational ability which contributes to her success.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Diane Hofman, Principal



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September 13, 2004

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RE: Reference Letter for Amy Smith

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Amy Smith whom I have had the pleasure of working with for 3 years. Amy is a very conscientious teacher who cares about each individual child in her classroom. Besides being a caring person, Amy's other qualities are organization, flexibility, and neatness.

Amy is also very knowledgeable about the curriculum she needs to teach. She knows that not all students will learn the same way and in her classroom you will see a variety of activities that are a reflection of a variety of teaching methods that are curriculum based. She has a very structured classroom and her students know what is expected from the time they walk into the room until dismissal time at the end of the day.

Amy also is a team player. She is always looking for ways to not only improve herself, but the entire school. This year she willingly accepted one of my students into her classroom, because his math skills were low. She reported how he was doing and welcomed him with open arms.

Amy is an exceptional teacher, who cares about all in her care, the teachers she works with, and the entire school staff. I highly recommend Amy Smith, without hesitation, into your program/school.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Heidi Miller
Francis Reh Public School Academy
Second Grade Teacher



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September 7, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

Amy Smith and I are co-workers at Francis Reh Public School Academy. The first year Amy came to Francis Reh was mid-November because of a teacher leaving. She did an excellent job helping both the students and parents adjust to an otherwise difficult situation.

Amy has many leadership qualities. She has organized field trips and led other staff members in organizing monthly positive behavior activities.

Amy has also been involved in the Twenty-First Century after school program and the summer school session.

Amy has been an asset to Francis Reh Public School Academy not only for her leadership qualities but also her concern for the well-being of the students she teaches.

I would certainly recommend Amy Smith for any endeavors she would be interested in pursuing.

Yours in Education,

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Department of Teacher Education
Elementary, Early Childhood, and Special Education

April 28, 2002

To Whom It May Concern,

Amy Toole was a student in the Accelerated Certification methods course that I taught during the 2001-2002 academic year. I taught six credits of teaching reading methods for grades K-8. The reading class combined theoretical concepts with their practical applications in an elementary classroom. I also taught three credits of methods in children's literature. The children's literature course taught my students to tie their teaching methods to quality trade books, both fiction and non-fiction.

My students were required to assess one student using Flynt-Cooter's IRI (Informal Reading Inventory) and then design lessons based on the results of the testing that would help improve that child's reading performance. The students tutored this child over the course of two semesters and reassessed the child at the end of their course work to ascertain any growths that their tutee had made. Amy designed lessons to help her student make gains in her reading abilities.

Amy's student teaching and methods' experiences were in a fourth grade classroom in Saginaw City Public Schools. She had good ideas and planned creative lessons that would increase the students' learning about the concepts taught. She worked hard to activate prior knowledge and to actively involve all the children in their learning. Amy created and implemented a thematic unit about the Olympics into her fourth grade classroom. She used literature as a springboard for her many activities and integrated several areas of the curriculum. She used a variety of activities that engaged all the learners in her classroom by meeting their individual learning styles.

Enthusiasm for student success is one of Amy's strengths. She also is knowledgeable about children's literature and gets children motivated about reading and books. It is my pleasure to recommend Amy for a teaching position. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at home at 989-671-9238.

Sincerely,

Melissa A. Kaczmarek

Melissa A. Kaczmarek
Adjunct Faculty
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STONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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May 14, 2002

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Amy Toole. I have observed Mrs. Toole on a daily basis during the 2001-2002 school year. She was a definite asset for the fourth grade team teachers.

During Mrs. Toole's time at Stone School, I worked very closely with her teaching mathematics. She has an excellent grasp on both content areas and classroom management. Mrs. Toole is self-motivated, caring, considerate, flexible and eager to learn new skills. She has high expectation for her students and demands their best. She has been well liked by both staff and students alike.

I believe Mrs. Toole will be a great asset to any school she is employed by.

Sincerely,

Linda Clipper
Math Compensatory Education
Stone School
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April 26, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to offer this letter of recommendation on behalf of Amy Toole. Amy was a student in the elementary accelerated certification program at Saginaw Valley State University. This challenging program was offered for students with a prior bachelors degree who wish to enter the teaching field. Prior to admission to the accelerated certification program candidates must have passed the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification in reading, writing and math basic skills. They also must have successfully completed TE 100 (Introduction to Teaching), maintained a GPA of 2.75 in their most recent 60 hours of coursework, and completed a general psychology course. During this academic year, Amy student taught, substituted, completed forty-eight semester hours of elementary methods and required cognate classes.

Amy participated in the accelerated program by student teaching every other week for thirty-five weeks in an inner-city fourth grade classroom in the Saginaw Public Schools. The alternate weeks Amy was a substitute teacher in the Saginaw Public Schools. Amy developed into an effective classroom teacher. Amy created a learning environment that promoted critical and higher level thinking. She knew her students' individual needs and learning styles. Amy developed many effective classroom management strategies in her classroom. Her lesson plans were thorough and organized. With the block scheduling she provided her students with a strong math and science background. Amy gained extensive experience in MEAP preparation as her students prepared for the fourth grade tests. She demonstrated effective team teaching with her cooperative teacher.

Amy's timely two-week thematic unit on the Olympics integrated math, science, social studies and language arts curriculum. She used current and effective diverse teaching strategies. Amy incorporated technology to enhance learning and personal and professional productivity.

Amy will be an effective teacher for any teaching assignment at the elementary level. She will be an asset to any school district.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Jo Scharffe".

Mary Jo Scharffe

Supervisor of Accelerated Certification Elementary Program
Saginaw Valley State University



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April 18, 2002

To Whom It May Concern,

It has been my pleasure having Mrs. Amy Toole as my Associate Teacher. For the past year, Amy has team taught math and science to two different classes. In doing so, she has had to adapt to both of these classes diverse needs and has done so with ease.

Amy is very enthusiastic, caring, compassionate, creative, and above all has high expectations of herself and her students. She is a very confident teacher. Amy displays effective yet sundry teaching strategies. She is also very knowledgeable and can deliver that knowledge effectively in order to gain pupil understanding. Amy relates well to children and her classroom management skills are effectively utilized.

Amy is well organized and always prepared for class. She is very professional and is well liked by the staff and students here at Stone School. Amy will be an invaluable asset to any employer.

Sincerely,

Andrea Bell