

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing at the request of Ms. Jenna Lepkowski, who was in her final year as a Michigan State University, Student Intern at Mt. Hope School, in the Lansing Public School District in Lansing, Michigan. While here at Mt. Hope School, she served as a 4th grade student teacher, with her mentor teacher, Ms. Robin Moritz. During that time, I had an opportunity to observe and evaluate her work as well as her potential for growth in her profession.

She had an excellent rapport with her students. She shows a sincere interest in them as individuals and was consistently fair in dealing with them. Ms. Lepkowski constantly searches for ways to make her teaching more interesting and more informative. She had great control of her classroom and never needed assistance from the office in matters of discipline. Her students and parents liked and respected her and were pleased to be a part of her class.

Ms. Lepkowski also related exceptionally well to her peers, as she was cooperative and outgoing and exhibited a pleasant and friendly personality. Her rigorous expectations were always apparent in her classroom, as the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) were visible in the content of student work. She volunteered to plan and execute classroom field trips that followed the 4th grade curriculum and lesson plans. Ms. Lepkowski was also very active in the 4th grade volleyball team, and actively participated in planning, coaching, and guidance of the teams.

When Ms. Jenna Lepkowski finished her MSU Student Internship in May 2014, it left a great void in our faculty membership. We all grew to depend on her gracious willingness to help, inspire, and to share a bit of humor with. I consider her a capable and dedicated elementary teacher, and if the opportunity should arise, I would place her in any Lansing Public Elementary School. I find it difficult to find young teachers with her teaching talent, ambition, and drive, and I recommend her without reservation for the teaching position she is seeking.

Sincerely,

Nanette M. Kuhlmann, Principal Mt. Hope School Lansing Public School District