

March 20, 2019

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Keri Powell

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to extend my full and unequivocal recommendation of Keri Powell for the 6th Grade ELA position. Keri is an exceptional teacher. She previously taught 1st grade before moving to 5th grade ELA at Mackinaw Trail Middle School. Keri received the Outstanding Person in Education Award in 2016-17. Keri often takes the lead when working in a group, politely and considerately going above and beyond what is required of her. She is one of the most impactful educators with whom I have worked in the past 5 years, working with teachers in over 10 different local school districts

Keri is organized, timely, dedicated, detail oriented, thorough, has excellent writing skills, and is a critical thinker. Her work effort is impeccable. Keri is tech savvy and regularly uses all of the available resources. The people with whom she works on a daily basis regularly express their appreciation for her dedication and work effort. She forms relationships easily with coworkers, administrators, various members of local school districts, families and students. Her focus is planted solidly on student achievement and needs. She is the type of person who will do well in any setting.

Time after time, she goes above and beyond to bring resources to her classroom. She has personally taken on many projects, written grants and created opportunities for her students. Such grants have created comfortable student seating options and virtual reality headsets that allow the students to take a field trip anywhere. Working in a rural school setting where many kids do not take vacations and experience many opportunities, she brings opportunity to her students. In addition, Keri initiated and sought funding that allows for her students' voices to be heard by providing teacher microphones and voice amplifiers. Her most recent contribution, outside of her daily work in the classroom, provided a book a month to all the districts fifth grade students totaling 880 books to develop students into lifelong readers by creating their own personal libraries. She truly touches lives every day!

I am happy to speak with you if you have any further questions. You may contact me by phone (231)942-1948 or through my work email jswiger@wmisd.org.

Sincerely,

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