

To Whom It May Concern:

I am privileged to write this letter in support of Angie Smith. Angie came into my classroom from Nipissing University to do a teaching placement for a six week period. She came into the classroom with experience, initiative, and enthusiasm.

It did not take time for Angie to settle into the realm of the classroom. I remember clearly that she sat with a struggling student without hesitation or guidance from myself during our first period of work (All of this while she was to be in 'observation' mode). Her background knowledge and experience working with struggling students was evident right away. One of Angie's most outstanding attributes is the fact that she connects with students very early, as well as engaging them; resulting in ultimate success.

Angie brings to the classroom a flare unlike any other. She has tremendous creative ideas that allow the students to think critically and arrive at an answer in a multitude of ways. She uses the latest in technology to deliver her lessons, and allows the students to use technology as well in their production.

Angie was presented with many challenges within the classroom, especially those students who were behavioural concerns. What was remarkable as she did her placement was the fact that she had refined management strategies. Angie was always proactive in her structure, never reactive, which tells me that she is seasoned in the classroom.

Angie always wanted to improve her teaching methods and practices. She looked for corrections herself and would display adjustments when necessary so that the student's best interest was at the forefront.

I recommend Angie to you without reservation; she is an excellent, positive teacher and role model. If you have any further questions regarding Angie's application, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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