

Dear Colleagues,

It is my privilege to endorse Ms. Kailyn McLean Angella as an excellent candidate for a teaching position in your school. If you were to cast a movie in which the central character was the quintessential Primary teacher, you needn't look any further than Ms. McLean Angella. In short, if I could create a school out of whole cloth, the first thing I'd do would be to hire Kailyn to lead my Early Years program. She is simply the best I've ever worked with.

Kailyn always seems to make room in her heart for everyone, even (and maybe especially) if they don't deserve it. She has empathy for miles and she can find the silver lining in anyone or anything. She's especially adept at helping children find their own path to success. With a well-placed provocation or an inquisitive question, she deftly leads the learning.

With all that said, you might think that Kailyn was a push-over, but she's tough as granite. She could best be described as graciously tenacious. That is, she speaks her truth, but always with tenderness and compassion. Her commitment is unwavering and always child-centered. She is a relentless advocate for the children she serves. That undaunted belief in children is certainly a gift to have on a staff, but when you couple that with a willingness to "put the nose to the grindstone" you have something special. And that's what you have in Kailyn. She isn't afraid to put in the work, and she is constantly looking for ways to improve.

To ask if I miss working with Ms. McLean Angella would be to ask if the Night misses the Moon. She had an essential role in creating a vibrant Early Years community at our school, and things just weren't quite the same when she left. That said, I wish nothing but the very best for Kailyn, and I highly recommend that you take this opportunity to let her brighten up your world as she did for us! Please feel free to contact me anytime at tpeterson@nis.ac.jp or travispgriz@gmail.com to learn more about this remarkable candidate.

Kindest Regards,

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