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To Whom It May Concern,

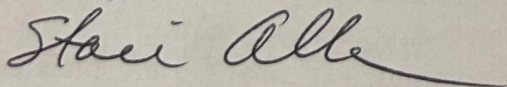
Kailyn McLean has asked me to write a letter of recommendation for her and I am very happy to do so. As the Autism Specialist for the Lake Washington School District's Preschool and the coordinator of the SNAPS program, I have been teaching closely with Kailyn from 2011 to 2014. We collaborate on a weekly basis on the students we share. I was very excited when I learned that she was choosing to take a leave of absence from teaching in the Lake Washington School district to be able to travel overseas and teach in other countries and put into practice what she has learned during her Master's program. I strongly support her desire to teach overseas and feel that she has all of the necessary qualifications to excel working with preschool and school aged children and specifically students with special needs.

Kailyn has worked as a certificated special education teacher in Lake Washington's preschool program. She has recently completed her masters of arts in teaching, specializing in teacher leadership. Kailyn has worked in a Learning Center classroom with children with moderate to severe disabilities. She has worked with students with autism spectrum disorder, Downs syndrome, health impaired students, traumatic brain injury and children with other developmental disabilities. She has worked hard at creating and modifying curriculum to meet the diverse needs of the students that make up her classroom. Kailyn is a wonderful communicator and is able to collaborate with the specialists in her classroom, as well as, the para educators that she oversees. She is able to quickly develop rapport with her students. She is also great at putting positive behavior supports in place for her students and getting them to perform at their best. She has wonderful rapport with parents and families. She is able to walk a long side them and support them as they navigate the school system and special education for the first time. Parents feel heard and supported.

Kailyn also has remarkable leadership abilities. Kailyn has been the preschool representative on the elementary school leadership committee. She also worked in the districts Extend School Year program and provided instruction during the Summer Literacy Camp.

Kailyn has been an amazing asset to the Lake Washington's preschool program. She will be missed next year but I know she will take what she learns in this next year and apply it to her teaching. Kailyn will be a benefit to any program she works in during her travels. If you need any additional information, please contact me at  or 

Sincerely,



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