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"We Believe All Children Can Learn"

May 1, 2013

*A coach should never be afraid to ask questions of anyone he could learn from.
~Bobby Knight~*

In re: Letter of recommendation for Kayde Ries

To Whom It May Concern:

Influential people come and go. It is those who make a difference and stay that have a lasting impact on not only the vision and mission of an organization, but also on its journey. In the short time that I have known her, Kayde Ries has been a vessel by which teachers have grown in their practice and pedagogy, modeling what it means to be a servant leader. Additionally, Kayde has modeled for the staff with whom she interacts what an effective member of a professional learning community is by providing support to students and staff alike whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself.

Kayde's collegial interactions are refined, distinct, professional, and fun. Through cognitive coaching, Ms. Ries has collaborated with various administrators and teachers throughout our one-building district, acting in the role of both unofficial peer coach, a director and coach of students, and as a protégé. In either of these cases, Kayde's demeanor and non-judgmental attitude secure a personal-professional relationship, and allow for continuous improvement and growth on the parts of all involved. As a result of her knowledge and leadership, those in our building (students and staff alike) have been enriched.

It is Kayde who honors me by requesting this letter of recommendation, and I offer it without any reservation. It is a privilege to work with Kayde in any capacity she may hold, and believe strongly in her potential to become a great educational leader.

Sincerely,

Dr. DJ Skogsberg
Superintendent

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