

October 30, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of reference to highly recommend Mrs. Cecilia Page Detrich for an educational position in your organization. Cecilia is an outstanding educator and an amazing art teacher whom I have had the pleasure to work with for several years at [REDACTED] Elementary School in [REDACTED], CT. As Cecilia completed her last year of teaching in [REDACTED] in June 2012 and moved to Nahant, MA. because of her recent wedding, I also retired this year as the principal of [REDACTED] School and I am now an interim principal at [REDACTED] Elementary School. Although Cecilia is surely missed in the [REDACTED] Public Schools, her new employer will be gaining an outstanding educator, leader, and person! Cecilia possesses a wonderful sense of knowing exactly what types of activities will help her students improve their skills and maximize their success. One of Cecilia's many teaching strengths is her strong belief that every child and adult is an "artist!" She believes that every person has inherent artistic talent and she uses her kind and caring manner to encourage every person to try his or her best. Mrs. Detrich has adeptly worked with students in pre-school through fifth grade during her years of teaching in [REDACTED]. Some of our students had many challenging behavioral and emotional needs, however, Cecilia was always willing to brainstorm new ways to help every child succeed in the classroom.

During her years of teaching in [REDACTED], Mrs. Detrich was also very involved in the New Milford Observatory and readily donated her time and talents to the success of this observatory. She often helped to host family evenings at the observatory for students and their parents so that they could have the opportunity to learn about using telescopes to view our solar system. Cecilia also helped with our annual school Art Show. She worked with the PTO to ensure that every child in our school had at least one piece of artwork displayed at this event to showcase his or her talents. She also held art classes after school for our staff members to work on special projects for various seasons, which helped to foster fun and community among the our staff members. Cecilia was our Audio Visual person as well as the Title IX coordinator at our school. I have always admired Cecilia's fairness, work ethic, and willingness to help everyone.

Cecilia Page Detrich was not only a colleague of mine for the past several years. Mrs. Detrich was also my dear friend because I truly respected the wonderful way she incorporated her genuine love of children with her love of art on a daily basis in her lessons. Mrs. Detrich truly cares about her students and she routinely communicated with parents on a regular basis to keep them informed about their child's progress and any concerns. Mrs. Detrich expects the best from her students and she utilized many different strategies, differentiation, and interventions to help every child maximize his or her potential. She has a very supportive style when working with students, staff, and parents and is an eager learner. It has been a joy to work with such a caring colleague who demonstrates the unique balance of excellent character, kindness, and ability with a refreshing willingness to learn, support, lead, and instruct. Cecilia Page Detrich has the integrity, dedication, kindness, and love for children that is so necessary for an outstanding teacher. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Sandra R. Nadeau, Ed. D.

Former Principal: [REDACTED] School - [REDACTED]
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