

Letter of Recommendation for Ms. Lauren Barry

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my sincere pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Lauren Barry. I feel very qualified to comment on Lauren's ability as a science educator. As a colleague of Lauren's I have worked with her closely during her time at East High School. Together, we were in the same professional learning community (PLC). I have been most impressed by her maturity, confidence and professionalism as a classroom teacher. Lauren continually self reflects on her lesson designs, questioning techniques, classroom management skills and teaching style in her goal to be the most effective classroom teacher.

Lauren has demonstrated a high degree of initiative, creativity and willingness to try new ideas and strategies in order to challenge and bring out the very best in each of her students. She has the ability to engage all of the students in the room and create an atmosphere that is both positive and effective in keeping students on task. Her classroom management skills have grown every year and have been very effective in working with such a diverse group of students at various levels of cognitive understanding and study skills. She is very organized, ready for class each day and has an exceptional upbeat attitude toward all students from the time they enter the room until they leave school at the end of the day. She has gained the respect and confidence of her students by demonstrating that she genuinely cares about each student's success in learning.

Through my observations and collaboration with her, I have observed Lauren's desire to give 100% toward being a most effective classroom educator. Lauren has always been punctual, professional in her duties and has displayed a most effective initiative in designing lessons that are creative, highly interesting and educationally sound while meeting the district's curriculum goals and standards. Besides the classroom she has taken on multiple roles within the school including leadership teams like BeEast and Science Bound. Her responsibilities during BeEast were to help increase student engagement and incentive within the school to encourage students to become more involved. As part of Science Bound she has helped to lead and inspire a group of 70 students of racial diversity towards completing the program which is associated with Iowa State University, in order to attend college and pursue careers in STEM.

Ms. Barry has been enthusiastic in her teaching responsibilities and has excelled as a teacher. I believe she is far above average as a beginning teacher and would be an excellent addition to any school faculty. Please feel free to contact me if you would like any further information.

Sincerely,

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