



Beacon Park School

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To Whom it may Concern,

I strongly recommend Kirstin Greig for an elementary teaching position. Kirstin taught 4th grade at Beacon Park School during the 2017-18 school year. Kirstin is positive and friendly; she integrates technology in innovative ways to present students with complex and engaging problems to solve. She takes initiative and builds good rapport with students and parents.

Kirstin demonstrates creative lesson planning. She often uses items or topics from the students' world to capture their attention and engage them in problem solving. Kirstin expertly facilitates the students' efforts, independence, and success in problem solving. She accomplishes this by ensuring students understand the scope and parameters of the problem, have had prior practice and exposure to the skills needed for problem solving, and provides good feedback to students.

In addition, Kirstin's strong classroom management contributes to an environment conducive to learning. She sets high expectations, encourages, and reinforces positive behavior. Her classroom is a calm and organized setting that is conducive for student engagement and participation. Students respond with to her to verbal and nonverbal cues for attention and transitions. She is reflective during lessons; she modifies class pacing based on student progress and creates differentiated opportunities for her students.

Kirstin works well with colleagues and parents. PTA leaders had students in her classroom. She communicates frequently and clearly with parents, incorporates them into her class as active volunteers, leading small instructional and enrichment groups. She also communicates well with parents of students with disabilities or health conditions. When working with a student who has severe nut allergies, she has been proactive and flexible. She listens to parental concerns, then adjusts classroom routines and coordinate accommodations with appropriate nurses and staff. She has developed strong rapport with the parent community. Likewise, she works well with her colleagues. Kirstin led our Kindness Week this year. She coordinated volunteers and facilitated multiple outside speakers and groups to lead activities like, disability awareness experiences and letter writing to veterans.

I strongly recommend Kirstin Greig for an elementary teaching position. She is personable and friendly. She establishes and manages an engaging and effective classroom environment focused on student learning. She is a willing teammate and builds good rapport with her colleagues and students. Please contact me at bobcurley@iusd.org or (949) 936-8405 for further information or questions.

Respectfully,

Bob Curley, Principal Beacon Park School