

Recommendation for Mallory Sharp March 18, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I worked with Ms. Sharp when I served as her University of Mary Field Supervisor for Spring Semester 2020 student teaching assignment at Benilde-St. Margaret's School.

I observed Ms. Sharp multiple times throughout the semester, each time while she was teaching several different types of lessons. I saw her grow tremendously in skill and confidence throughout the experience.

Ms. Sharp was able to connect with students in a way that brought them to trust her. Eventually, all students in the classroom determined that their learning was what Ms. Sharp was all about. She was *persistent* in seeking students trust and in teaching them concepts that some found difficult. Ms. Sharp was very *positive* in getting students through those difficult stretches. She demonstrated a high level of dedication in being *prepared* to meet the everyday challenges of the classroom.

Ms. Sharp displayed great *poise* in dealing with those inevitable situations that arise in a high school classroom that has dozens of high energy variables. I observed several examples when Ms. Sharp had to adjust and modify her teaching to fit an unexpected classroom development. She can think on her feet while teaching. She also demonstrated skill at differentiating instruction to allow all students to learn at a high level. In addition she demonstrated "out of the box" thinking that allowed students to learn in unique and effective ways.

Ms. Sharp consistently presented herself in a *professional* manner with students, colleagues, parents, and administrators. She did so both in the classroom as well as out and about within the school and in the community.

Ms. Sharp has great *passion* for teaching. She is highly motivated herself and can motivate students to learn, grow, and develop and she appropriately takes great pride and satisfaction in watching that happen.

The student teaching experience is a very challenging one for many reasons and Ms. Sharp met those challenges. This particular semester presented many challenges that none of us have ever seen. Ms. Sharp's growth as a professional educator during the time I served as her supervisor was very appropriate and obvious. She has strong fundamentals to be a very effective educator.

I have had 35 years classroom experience and have worked with student teachers for 7 years. I can honestly say that Ms. Sharp was among the best I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Ms. Sharp is going to be a great teacher. I would take great comfort in knowing that a child of mine was in her classroom. Your school and community will be well served by adding Ms. Sharp to your staff.

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