



NEW CANAAN
COUNTRY SCHOOL

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To whom it may concern,

It's my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Karina Olsen. She has been an apprentice teacher in my sixth grade class this year at New Canaan Country School. As the Lead Teacher in the classroom, I work closely with Karina. She comes to school each day determined and focused with tremendous work ethic, positivity and enthusiasm.

Karina has consistently demonstrated the ability to long-term plan and be flexible. Drawing upon her previous experience as a sixth-grade apprentice, she was able to intentionally develop writing lessons that focused on personal narratives and literary essays. She is creative and thoughtful as seen throughout her lesson plan development. Her perspective on the writing process and each individual student is invaluable. In addition, she was able to identify specific challenges or strengths for the students and develop supplemental lessons in order to solidify concepts. Her ability to notice details and problem solve has greatly benefited our students. She's been especially focused on students who struggle with executive functioning issues. She's quick to provide them with one-on-one assistance in order to improve their organization.

In addition, she has taken on teaching the Life Skills portion of our sixth-grade curriculum. These lessons have featured reflection, teamwork, collaboration and emotional intelligence. One of her greatest strengths and features is a passion for developing and inspiring young adults to learn more about themselves and ways to achieve their goals. It's been a heartening process that truly captures her essence as a teacher and person. She is a supportive team member who is always willing to collaborate and receive feedback. Her affable personality makes her an essential and reliable part of the sixth-grade team. After implementing lessons, she is quick to discuss what went well and areas for improvement.

I'm fortunate to have Karina in my classroom. She's been an inspiration to the students and has proven to be a professional and reliable colleague. I have full confidence in her ability to lead others and continue to be a successful mentor for young people. I'm proud to recommend her and I'm certain of her promising future.

Sincerely,

Brayden Henry