



East Lansing
Public Schools

Red Cedar Elementary School, 1110 Narcissus Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

April 23, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Miss Rachele Galang. Miss Galang was a student teacher in my 4th grade classroom for the 2012-2013 school year. She was extremely eager to begin her practice teaching from the moment I met her. I felt very comfortable with her ability to relate to the students and help with their individual needs from day one because Miss Galang made it a priority to get to know each child on an individual basis. Our students saw her as an authority figure as well as a nurturing adult. Miss Galang understands the needs of all children with various learning styles and abilities, and she is able to draw from her vast knowledge to help all learners. She was accepting of my feedback, as well as my critiques, because she knew it would make her a stronger educator. Miss Galang has a natural ability to teach, but she is also very coachable and eager to try new practices that help her students.

Since technology is an important part of education in today's world, much of Miss Galang's internship was focused on how to best use technology to teach students. Though she had access to many tools (Interactive Whiteboard, iPads, Apple TV, document camera, MP3 players, soundfield system, and a computer lab) and used them skillfully and masterfully, Miss Galang was also very cognizant to think about which tool worked best for each lesson. Rather than using the tool just for the sake of using it, she seamlessly integrated technology into her lessons so that her students were able to learn in an environment that more closely mirrored the real world. Miss Galang is innately comfortable with using and teaching others to use technology. She is very talented in this field to the point where I would say she could be a staff leader and trainer for most teachers. She has experience "flipping a class", using Google Drive with her students, managing and using mobile devices, creating and maintaining an interactive classroom website with blogging, and using various Web 2.0 technologies.

Miss Galang is very interested in continuing her education. She was always tapping into my knowledge of various workshops, classes, and seminars to see if they would benefit her as an educator. She has also discussed Masters level programs, and I believe she will dive into pursuing her education as soon as she is comfortable with her future job.

I believe that Miss Galang has the training, maturity, and natural instincts to be an excellent educator. She is empathetic and caring, but firm and will take charge when necessary. She is a team player and always willing to improve her craft. Miss Galang is extremely eager to start her career, and her enthusiasm is contagious. With her valuable knowledge and ideas, she will be a great asset to any staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further information about Miss Galang as she seeks a teaching position in your district.

Sincerely,

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