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Director of Community Visual Arts

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Dear Hiring Search Committee,

I am delighted to recommend Jeanna Dressel to your Art Teacher position!

I have supervised Jeanna Dressel for the past eight years at Mason Gross Extension Division, and now Community Arts programs. During this time, Jeanna was my Teacher Assistant between the fall of 2013 and spring 2014. While at Mason Gross, Jeanna has gained experience working with students ranging from grades K-4. As one of Jeanna's mentors, we discussed her career goals and I helped guide her early interest in art education. Because of her continued growth as an art educator, Dressel has been invited back to Mason Gross to teach her own classes during our Kids Create summer programs since 2015. Each year she is eager to inspire students to explore their imagination and creativity.

Jeanna is supportive towards individual student interests in art-making and guides them to their artistic potentials through open-ended art projects. She maintains high expectations for her students, encouraging collaboration, while providing choice and differentiating to meet all her student developmental needs. During the Kids Create camp, Jeanna develops unique projects consistent with a theme, makes reference to art history, explored creative technologies (e.g., stop-motion animation) and three-dimensional projects (e.g., sculpting with plaster and modeling clay), as well as drawing and painting. She always has a professional disposition when working with colleagues and strong teachers presence when leading her class. Often her enthusiasm transfers over to her students and contributes towards their engagement with the project at hand.

I strongly recommend Jeanna Dressel to your community of educators and believe she will make an excellent Art Teacher!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Bulfer".

Dr. Brian J. Bulfer, M.F.A., Ed.D.