



Owen J. Roberts Middle School

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mrs. Erin Van Guilder in support of her application for an administrative position in your school district. Mrs. Van Guilder has served as a teacher and academic coach in the Owen J. Roberts School District since 2007. I have had the opportunity to work with Mrs. Van Guilder in a variety of capacities since becoming the Principal of the Owen J. Roberts Middle School in July of 2007. I also had an opportunity to work quite extensively with Mrs. Van Guilder during the 2011-2012 academic year as I served as the professor for two courses in which she was enrolled while working towards her administrative certificate. It is on the basis of this relationship that I am able to offer an enthusiastic recommendation in support of Mrs. Van Guilder's application.

My impressions of Mrs. Van Guilder as a teacher and a person are very favorable. She is a bright and caring professional who works diligently on behalf of students and colleagues. As the Academic Coach for her elementary school since 2009, Mrs. Van Guilder has played an extensive role in professional development activities, data analysis, and leading school and District initiatives. In many regards, the role of the Academic Coach has provided Mrs. Van Guilder with a good deal of quasi-administrative experience that will prove to be invaluable as she transitions to a new phase of her career.

Through her coursework, Mrs. Van Guilder displayed a great deal of promise. Her knowledge of the profession and current issues in the field is excellent. She was consistently an active and meaningful participant in our class discussions. One of the things that impressed me the most about Mrs. Van Guilder was her creative and out-of-the-box thinking in response to problems and issues that we discussed. She would always stretch the thinking of our cohort. Mrs. Van Guilder is also a very reflective practitioner and someone that I see as always wanting to learn, grow, and improve. Through her comprehensive administrative internship, Mrs. Van Guilder was able to be involved in a broad range of activities and experiences required of a school administrator.

As I consider the knowledge, skills, and demands required of a school administrator, I feel extremely confident in my recommendation of Mrs. Van Guilder. As a successful and accomplished educator, Mrs. Van Guilder has done a great deal of work to prepare for this next phase of her career. I believe that she is ready and would urge you to give serious consideration to her candidacy. If you require additional information about Mrs. Van Guilder and her qualifications for a position in your school district, please do not hesitate to contact me at 610-469-5155.

Sincerely,

Robert Salladino, Jr., Ed.D.
Principal, Owen J. Roberts Middle School