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To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend Darcey Hammond for a teaching position in the Los Alamos Public Schools. Darcey is very skilled in working with children of all abilities and is able to bring out the best in all of them. She is a beacon of light and brims over with kindness, care, and looking for the best in all with whom she interacts.

I worked for many years with Darcey in the Anchorage School District. Darcey inherited an art room that was in disarray, and in no time at all, had organized it into a very functional art studio. Art became the favorite class for students as Darcey used her creative touch to bring art to life for them. Not only were the children delighted to be with Darcey, the works of art they created were amazing. Numerous students in Darcey's classes won district and state awards for their work done in her class. She made a point to ask teachers what academic areas they were covering and integrated art projects to supplement those areas. To say that she transformed art in our school is an understatement.

In addition to her exemplary work with children, Darcey was a wonderful colleague. She gets along with everyone and is known for her calm demeanor. She was the first to volunteer around the school when a job is needed to be done and often coordinated a team to help.

After traveling abroad with her family for many years, Darcey is excited to become a part of the Los Alamos community. Your school district will be most fortunate to have Darcey on staff in any capacity. She is a gifted artist, teacher, and colleague. Should you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Most sincerely,

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Mentor
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