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To Whom It May Concern,

I am honored to write a letter of reference for Mrs. Darcey Hammond, an exceptional person and extremely talented art teacher. I had the privilege of working with Darcey as her supervisor in my role as the Child and Youth Services Director on Kwajalein, Marshall Islands from 2005-2007. Darcey wore many essential hats during this time, including Child & Youth Services Center Coordinator, Professional Development and Curriculum Coordinator & substitute teacher for Kwajalein Range Schools and an instructor in the local pottery shop. In all these roles, Darcey shared her artistic talents, positive energy and outgoing personality, which were enjoyed by those around her.

In my observations and in working directly with Darcey, she always demonstrated exceptional teaching skills and a high level of professionalism, integrity and creativity working with students of all ages. Her teaching style was inclusive and embraced the diversity of all students, no matter their learning or ability level. She treated her students with great dignity and respect, while creating a positive and engaging environment where they were challenged, learned, and thrived. As a result, she had an excellent rapport with not only her students, but her co-workers, parents, and families.

While Darcey and I worked together years ago, we have remained friends through the years. I have enjoyed watching her enjoy life with her beautiful family, while continuing to follow her passion of teaching and sharing her artistic talents with so many. I am delighted to hear that Darcey is applying for a teaching position in your school district. In addition to being a great leader, she is extremely dedicated, dependable, and caring. I believe that she possesses many of the great qualities that will make her a very successful addition to your school community. I highly recommend her for this position.

Respectfully,

Jodi Franke-Young