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To Whom it May Concern:

I, Jennifer Eveland, am writing to recommend Ms. Dhiksha Sajnani for a position at your school teaching art.

I have been her teacher mentor during her student teacher internship here at NIST from October 31 to February 17. I am certain that she will be an asset to your school community as a teacher of visual art and design. She is earning her teaching credentials through the Teach Now program at Moreland University which has required her to teach and reflect on a variety of lessons following a set of stringent teaching standards.

Dhiksha brightens the room when she walks in. Her self-confidence is evident in everything she does. She has a strong rapport with students and students have shown her respect and enthusiasm for her lessons and her presence in the classroom.

Her lessons are highly engaging for students. She taught Year 4 students about the painting techniques of Claude Monet in a landscape painting lesson. Symbolism and drawing self portraits were explored in another series of lessons. Technology is integrated into each lesson. Dhiksha authentically checks in and coaches each student during each class session. Routines and expectations are evident in her teaching. Student artwork is assessed using a rubric and developed through students' self reflections and personal interviews.

When not teaching her own lessons, Dhiksha has been helpful setting up and preparing classroom materials and art displays. She worked in small groups guiding students who need a little more time to finish artwork and Seesaw reflections during class and break times. She assists my partner art teacher with Year 1 classes as needed. During a case study of a Year 5 student, she developed a series of strategies to use with students who need a little more guidance with following classroom routines. In addition, Dhiksha is a practicing artist and graphic designer, which is a plus for any art teacher. I recommend Dhiksha Sajnani for a teaching position at your school.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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