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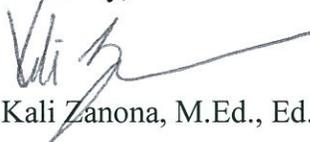Nancy N. Robb
Superintendent

January 15, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Lark West for a school psychology internship position within your program. I had the benefit of working with Ms. West during first semester of the 2009-2010 school year at District 211 Academy-South, a public therapeutic day school, as she completed observation and service learning hour requirements. I engaged in much consultation and collaboration with Ms. West during our time together, and she was an eager learner who both actively sought out information, as well as, freely shared her own knowledge in the counseling domain. Ms. West's experience and expertise in the area of working with individuals with emotional and behavioral needs was very evident during her time at Academy-South, and benefited the program greatly.

In her time at Academy-South, Ms. West built strong rapport with both staff and students alike. She co-facilitated daily Positive Peer Culture counseling group, helped supervise students at lunch and arrival/dismissal, and even worked with students one-on-one to help them succeed academically. Her consistency, kind demeanor, patience, and always positive attitude was a perfect match for the unique, and sometimes difficult student population, at Academy-South, whose needs ranged from emotional, to learning, to sensory. Ms. West is an experienced counselor, and a definite natural in this domain, who provided feedback, set limits, and supported students in both the individual and group settings.

Ms. West displayed very strong interpersonal and work ethic skills in her time at Academy-South. She was well-liked and accepted by the staff and students. She was eager to help and volunteer to take on extra responsibilities, and always did so with positive energy and a smile. It was a pleasure working with her and she would be a great addition to your school. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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