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RE: Laurie Smith
Licensure recommendation

To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure and confidence that I write this letter to recommend of Laurie Smith for Pre-K - Sixth Health Education Endorsement. I highly recommend her for this title. I am both a parent of two of her students and a coworker as a fifth and sixth grade teacher at Bethel Elementary in Bethel, Vermont. She has always demonstrated high quality, developmentally appropriate, and engaging lessons.

Laurie Smith delivers high quality, relevant, and well planned lessons. One such example of this was a mini unit she developed for my fifth and sixth grade students regarding misinformation about health issues on the internet. She gave them a clear and concise overview of the project, handed the class a scaffold question sheet to help guide their research, and then let the students work. All the while she walked around the room checking in and having brief conversations with groups to make sure they were on the right track. This is an example of fantastic pedagogy and preparedness. This is one of many high quality lessons I have seen her deliver..

Laurie Smith works with all ages in our elementary school and I hear about her wonderful lessons in Kindergarten and 4th grade from my two children. She adjusts her approach to these younger students by designing developmentally appropriate lessons. My children always speak highly of their Health Classes, often coming home and replaying what they did in Health Class that day. The fact that my Kindergartner can recall the lesson and share it with us is evidence that Mrs. Smith's lesson was attainable for her and age appropriate. Mrs. Smith is a "Rock Star" in our house. My children love going to health class and sharing the dynamic and engaging lesson with their family over dinner. Mrs. Smith creates developmentally appropriate lessons.

I have been teaching for more than seventeen years. During that time I have had the opportunity to observe many educators. Laurie Smith is one of the best I have witnessed. She is a high quality, dedicated teacher that should be licensed without any reservation. She is a shining example of all this profession should be and must be. I highly recommend her for Teacher Licensure for the state of Vermont.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Fors