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To Whom It May Concern:

I am honored to have been asked to write a letter of recommendation for Gina R. Nesbit. Ms. Nesbit has applied for a Fine Arts position at Community School and although this will be a loss for CCPS, I am excited that she might have the chance for a new adventure.

I had the opportunity to work with Gina Nesbit at North Naples Middle School for 15 years, before I was moved to Oakridge Middle School. I also tried to convince her to transfer to OMS, but it did not work out (my loss).

I share that with you because I can honestly write that in all my years as a middle school administrator, I have never worked with such a talented art instructor. Her ability to inspire children to create is just remarkable. All children, regardless of their artistic ability came out of her class feeling they were artists. Students looked forward to choosing Art as an elective, and often asked to repeat the class the following year.

She referred to her classroom as "their studio". There were artwork/projects all over, and students sat at big tables and stools. Students created and made relationships with each other, as everyone was welcome and respected. She created a comfortable and safe classroom for all.

As a teacher and staff member, she was a delight. Always cooperative, did more than expected, and worked well with teachers and staff. Ms. Nesbit is a beautiful person both inside and out. Ms. Nesbit displayed projects all over the school as she took pride in her students and their work. I really believe that she never repeated a project more than once in all my years working with her, but whether I am accurate or not, it is because I truly enjoyed watching the end results and the variety of projects the students created.

Feel free to contact me at 23.377.4804 if any further information is needed., but to add her as a member of your staff would be a decision you would not regret.

Sincerely,

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Principal OMS