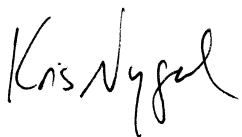


I have had the pleasure of being Meghan Wald's cooperating teacher for the first seven weeks of her student teaching placement during the spring semester of the 2020-2021 school year. In that capacity, Meghan has worked quite capably running middle school instrumental music rehearsals and teaching small group instrumental lessons in addition to teaching a World Drumming elective at Fleetwood Middle School in Fleetwood, PA.

Although Meghan's experience coincided with plenty of COVID restrictions and challenges, Meghan rose to the occasion. She was adept at navigating all digital hurdles, fully proficient in multiple educational digital applications and platforms, and was quite capable at reaching students in person, over zoom, and within Google Classroom. In her role here at Fleetwood, she was tasked with teaching two different bands by creating asynchronous digital classwork for half of the student population while teaching in-person with the other half of the student population. Meghan was able to handle the digital portion of her roles with ease while she honed her skills in large-ensemble rehearsals. At no time was I ever concerned that she would carry out her duties in anything less than a polished, professional, and detailed way. She has also proven herself to be very coachable and malleable throughout her time at Fleetwood, consistently incorporating suggestions for improvement at the next possible opportunity. Meghan also kept a daily journal which allowed her to reflect on her successes and failures during her tenure. I firmly believe that this daily reflection and her strong work ethic were instrumental in her success.

Perhaps the best way to summarize Meghan Wald is to say that she understands kids, she cares for kids, and she works extremely hard to help them any way she can. Her personal and professional background with special needs children will be an invaluable asset in all of her future endeavors. She is detailed yet flexible. She is personally driven while also extending grace to others around her. I would highly recommend Meghan without reservation to be part of any faculty that strives to meet the needs of all children.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kris Nygard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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