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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been Janie's director supervisor in Minneapolis Public Schools Early Childhood Family Education (MPS – ECFE) for this past school year. Janie has worked as a School Support Program Assistant (SSPA) for MPS ECFE for 4 years. In that role, she has conducted outreach in the community to recruit families and share information about our programming. She has facilitated early childhood home visits with families, assisted in the Pre-K to Third Grade program at various elementary schools, and assisted in our ECFE classrooms.

Janie has strong skills at connecting with families in the community and engaging them in conversation about our early childhood programming. She is able to engage with families to share the importance of quality early childhood programming and the benefit it has for families and young children. She currently conducts ongoing outreach at NorthPoint WIC clinic, MPS Student Placement Centers, People Serving People, and other community and school events as they occur. Janie has shown a willingness to go and meet families where they are, and to reach families who otherwise might not know about our programs and services.

This year, Janie has helped to create an online family interest form to collect parent data. From this form, she completes follow through with families by reaching out to connect them to the ECFE or school program that best fits their needs. Janie has strong connections and relationships in the community which I have observed when accompanying her at various outreach events. She shows a determination to connect with every family that she meets. When given a task, Janie has completed that task. She demonstrates timeliness in collecting and turning in important program and family data to help support our program.

As our program has grown, Janie has always been willing to reach out to more families and to take on new tasks. Connecting with families in the community is a definite strength of hers. She feels very strongly about the importance of quality education for all students.

Please feel free to reach out with any follow up questions.

Sincerely,

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