

April 3, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my privilege to recommend Cassie Steiner to be an Education Technology Specialist.

Cassie Steiner was a grade level colleague (third grade) for four years at Bell View Elementary. This year with the request of the principal she moved to second grade. We were very sad to lose her as a third grade team member.

There are seven things that stand out in my mind about Mrs. Steiner's professionalism:

1. **Core curriculum.** Mrs. Steiner made every effort possible to learn the core for the third grade level and planned her lessons accordingly.
2. **Work Ethic.** Mrs. Steiner worked long hours preparing lessons and then assessing level of mastery for her students in order to insure success.
3. **Classroom Management.** Mrs. Steiner taught students that were difficult to manage but she had strategies in place that were successful with classroom management.
4. **Highly Motivating.** Mrs. Steiner used "hooks" and classroom projects that kept the students highly motivated.
5. **Spark and creativity.** Mrs. Steiner was not a "cookie cutter" teacher. She was very creative and had a great spark of originality. She loved her students and they loved her. She was continuously finding new ways to spark their imagination and bring in new ideas and technology into her classroom. This leads me to the next stand out idea.
6. **Encouraging the use of technology.** Mrs. Steiner encouraged not only the third grade but the entire school to get more involved in technology. She tutored us, the teachers, along with help from the principal to embrace more technology. She helped us write grants for thousands of dollars worth of technology. She became the go-to-teacher to get help from when writing grants. What she did for us still boggles my mind and I am so grateful to her for all the time and effort she gave. This year again as our school incorporated peer tutoring practices so many of us requested that Mrs. Steiner demonstrate and teach us uses of technology in the classroom. She is so agile and quick with technology, and shows us how fun, friendly and helpful it can be. She is very smart with technology but never condescending or insulting to those of us who are so much slower. She is patient with us which is marvelously endearing.
7. **A great team member.** Mrs. Steiner is very professional in her appearance and mannerisms. Parents are supportive and respond to her in the most positive ways. She has a great sense of humor, sense of fun, and her enthusiasm truly is contagious.

Recommending Mrs. Steiner for this position would mean a loss to us at Bell View, but I can't help but think she would greatly enrich your program and benefit so many *more* teachers and students.

Sincerely,



Linda L. Snarr