

PRIVATE & NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To whom it may concern,

It is with pleasure that I write a letter of recommendation for Anne Powers. I have supervised Anne at DCIU during her full-time School Psychology Internship for the 2017-2018 school year and I cannot say enough about her.

I was immediately impressed with Anne's skills, professionalism and demeanor. She is personable and presents with compassion toward teachers, students and families, while always remaining professional. Staff also enjoy Anne's participation in meetings as she never hesitates to jump right in. She offers her knowledge and perspective, sometimes asking just the right question to get staff thinking differently while brainstorming. Staff have also commented to me that Anne will always offer to chip in and help out in whatever capacity needed without hesitation. For example, when some staff were unsure how to proceed with a student on the Autism spectrum, Anne did not hesitate to consult and collaborate with staff and the student to figure out how to best help him achieve success. This willingness, in and of itself, will make Anne an asset to any school in which she works.

But, Anne also demonstrates many additional skills in counseling, consultation and testing. Her evaluation skills are particularly thorough as she effectively chooses test batteries, administers assessment measures, interprets results and integrates her findings. Her classroom observation information and data are stellar. Anne also has struck the perfect balance of sharing evaluation results both orally and in writing in a manner that is thorough yet appropriate for our diverse population.

What has perhaps impressed me the most about Anne is her desire to continue to learn and grow professionally. Anne has taken my Suicide Risk Assessment training amongst other didactics and seminars through this year, but in her drive to continue to learn through hands-on experience, she has applied and been accepted to be a volunteer for Camp Erin to work with students who are experiencing significant grief. I commend her for giving up weekends for training and to work with these students as she knows that we, as professionals, learn more from students than we can ever provide them. Anne will be a gift to this program.

Anne exhibits such a caring demeanor to all those around her. School staff would be lucky to have her as a colleague. A few additional comments that staff have made about her this year have referred to her strong skills in teamwork and collaboration, her consistent follow through, her ability to communicate well with parents, students and teachers, as well as her strong organizational skills and openness to feedback or suggestions. For all of these reasons mentioned, I strongly recommend Anne for consideration as a School Psychologist within your school or district. Please feel free to contact me by phone at (610) 259-0280 x3273 or by e-mail at terbacher@dciu.org should you have further questions or like to discuss my letter further. Thank you in advance.

Respectfully,

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