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Letter of Recommendation: Agnes Konopka

I am writing in support of Agnes Konopka's application for a position as a school psychologist. In 2016 she completed a 74-credit combined program for the MA in educational psychology and the professional diploma in school psychology, leading to certification as a school psychologist and national certification (NCSP). Currently I am a professor and chair of psychology and the director of graduate programs in psychology at NJCU. As a result I have had the opportunity to view Agnes' development over a 3 ½ year period, starting from her entry level coursework through the culminating externship experiences.

Agnes impresses as an individual with a combination of intellectual vision and practical sense, who seems well-prepared for the role of school psychologist. She participated in course offerings with good humor and enthusiasm. In the several years that she took classes in the school psychology program, her work was consistently excellent and well received by the professors in the program. She brought a problem-solving attitude to the tasks at hand. She seemed willing to gather ideas, collaboratively work with other candidates for effective action, and execute solution-focused interventions for students in the advanced coursework and field placements. Of particular note, in her field placements, she provided advocacy for students and families and was very effective in implementing behavior and academic interventions. She received high ratings in both the urban school placement and a clinical hospital setting.

Agnes developed very good writing skills and consistently performed at the highest level on exams and papers. I was particularly impressed by her strong work ethic, maintaining adherence to timelines and, typically, the first to complete assignments. Additionally, she pursued a clinical externship placement at the prestigious Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and secured the placement through her own initiative. Agnes then performed in a manner consistent with her excellent work ethic and willingness to learn. As will be noted by a review of her resume, Agnes has had a variety of clinical experiences in addition to her well received work at her first school psychology position.

Finally, please note that Agnes is fluent in a second language, written and spoken Polish, as a complement to her well-developed English language skills. As a result I can offer my support for her candidacy for a position in school psychology, highly and without reservation.

Please contact me if I may offer additional information or assistance in this matter. I can be most easily reached during the summer months by cellphone, 914-433-7655, or email. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. E. Lennon". To the right of the signature is a small, faint text "SigP us1". Below the signature, there is a small, faint timestamp "06/23/18 06:28:09 am".

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