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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this as a letter of recommendation for Emily Mills. During the time she was a staff member at P.S. 72, I was a Title I staff developer/reading teacher. One of my responsibilities was assisting new and inexperienced teachers with classroom management and instructional practice. During the time that Ms. Mills was employed at the school, the Success for All reading program was adopted.

As a high-needs school in a poor neighborhood, P.S. 72 is difficult training ground and only talented and dedicated teachers manage to last. As a new teacher, Ms. Mills demonstrated enthusiasm and dedication to learning. She responded well to suggestions, implemented new ideas and consistently sought the assistance of those with more experience. Her willingness to work hard and persevere with a challenging group of students made her successful.

Over the next several years, Ms. Mills developed into an organized, dedicated professional. She demonstrated professionalism through her good attendance record and her punctuality. Ms. Mills established effective, nurturing learning environments in both first and second grade through effective classroom management and instructional strategies. She worked hard to involve parents in their children's education by establishing positive relationships with them and became an active and involved member in the school community.

Perhaps Ms. Mills strongest point as an educator is her ability to learn new instructional methodologies and incorporate into the classroom. During her years in the school, many changes took place, including the adoption of SFA and the implementation of City and State standards in Language Arts and Math. MS. Mills participated in all available training and professional development and was successful as a SFA teacher. She was also fully able to implement standards based instruction in her classroom.

I believe that Ms. Mills would be an asset to any school community.

Sincerely,

T. Siegel,

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