June 5, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to provide a personal reference for Karen Capobianco who is applying for a teaching position in the New Paltz School District.

I have known Karen personally for the past seven years. I know her to be very involved with the local art community as well as with art events and classes outside of the Hudson Valley. In my opinion, Karen takes her work seriously and I have observed her working on projects and pieces regularly. She has a great deal of enthusiasm, passion and knowledge about the field of art and tirelessly seeks out opportunities to develop her skills and learn new ones by taking classes and learning from her artist peers.

On a personal level, Karen is kind, honest and caring. She is a good listener and goes out of her way to help others in need. She has a great deal of energy and applies herself fully to whatever project or purpose she is involved with. Karen has shared with me her joy and appreciation at having had opportunities to teach art in the elementary school. I have no doubt that her skills and abilities come through in her work with children. Her continuous effort to take advantage of opportunities to teach in and outside of the school setting reflect her commitment to grow as a teacher and share what she learns with her students.

I hope that you will give Karen Capobianco serious consideration for the position.

Respectfully,

Lisa Watkins, LCSWR

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"To become a community of learners that emphasizes mutual respect and responsibility in which everyone realizes their potential."