



December 14, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Karen Capobianco for the position of art teacher. I was her University Supervisor from the State University of New York at New Paltz while she was a student teacher at the Temple Hill Academy in New Windsor, NY and at Valley Central Middle School in Montgomery, NY during the fall semester of 2009.

Ms. Capobianco is a very conscientious and responsible teacher, who combines poise and knowledge of her subject with good behavior management strategies. As the mother of two, she is very sensitive to the needs of children and has established a great working relationship with her students. She is the ultimate multi-tasker and therefore can handle very complicated projects with skill, while still maintaining a comfortable, productive and safe work environment.

Ms. Capobianco brings to teaching a strong background in the Arts. She is an accomplished artist, an experienced educator and a constant learner. I have been most impressed with her multi-dimensional and integrative approach to teaching. She enjoys combining media and techniques with art history, social studies and language arts, to create exciting and meaningful lessons that challenge her students and expand their experience and perspective. She was equally adept teaching 3rd graders how to paint profile portraits onto their clay cameo medallions as she was with a 7th grade sculpture lesson based on Native American culture, both of which were technically complex and rich in content.

It is unusual to find a student teacher with the combination of intellectual curiosity, life experience and artistic talent to match that of Karen Capobianco. I believe that she would be a wonderful asset to your school district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wilma Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wilma Miller
Student Teacher Supervisor