

# Hudson City School District

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my distinct pleasure to recommend Andrea Kuchta for admission to the Bowling Green State University Student Teaching program. Andrea is natural leader who possesses not only accomplished academic ability, but also intellectual flexibility, and distinct ambition.

Andrea is a vital member of the City of Beachwood Family Aquatic Center's American Red Cross Learn to Swim program, which I oversee. In watching her instruct and interact with her students, I have been consistently impressed with her ability to meet all of them where they are in terms of swimming ability, which involves much scaffolding, as we have students of very diverse aquatic backgrounds in our program; some have never even stepped foot in a pool until they begin our program, while others are pre-swim team. As a classroom teacher at Hudson High School, I know what outstanding differentiation looks like and can say without reservations that Andrea was able to provide a meaningful lesson for each of her swimmers, every single day. She is truly gifted with the ability to connect with learners and help them grow. I know that this ability as a swim instructor will seamlessly transition to a gift as a classroom instructor.

Beyond her ability to instruct varying levels of students, Andrea also commits wholeheartedly to her work as a lifeguard. Despite Andrea only being at our Aquatic center for two summers now, I view her one of our best lifeguards, if not our best lifeguard, in terms of her ability to enforce rules, interact with peers and patrons, and take initiative to do something which needs done. I know I can count on her to take on a leadership role during our daily rotation and she can often be found helping our new lifeguards learn the ropes. While she can lead vocally, much of her leadership capacities lie in her actions, as she is truly a role model for her peers. I have been thrilled to witness, on numerous occasions, Andrea's peers looking to her to set the standards for professionalism. When our Learn to Swim program was ending, all instructors were enamoured with Andrea's progress reports, on which she took the time to leave feedback for each swimmer in each of her classes. In particular, the parents of her youngest class, gushed with compliments of how well Andrea interacted with their children, some of which have developmental delays. Inclusive early childhood education is thus the perfect field for Andrea. She is outstanding with all children, but especially those needing early intervention and extra attention.

Perhaps most importantly, Andrea possesses strong interpersonal skills, integrity, and empathy. Andrea embraces diversity and has a desire to interact with all of her peers and students in a variety of ways. She not only wants the best for herself, but for everyone around her as well. Our pool is a better place because Andrea works here; your school will be no different. I strongly and without reservations recommend Andrea.

Thank you for taking the time to review this letter. Please do not hesitate to reach out with additional questions regarding Andrea.

Kindly,

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