

Wednesday March 2, 2022

To Whom It May Concern-

It is with pleasure that I recommend Lori Weatherly for your available Dance position.

This past year (2021-22SY) Lori stepped in as the long-term substitute for our Mount Vernon High School (MVHS) dance teacher. MVHS is a vibrant and diverse school community with over 2500 students which consists of various learner needs including students who received services for English Language Learners, Special Education, and provides over 50% of attending students with Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS).

During her time at MVHS, Lori has successfully implemented several levels of dance instruction (Dance 1- 3). She has integrated technology into her instructional practices and supported student's social emotional needs as they have transitioned back into the classroom from Distance Learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. From observing Lori's dance classroom, it is evident she is an expert in her field but most importantly, is diligent in her care and concern for each student. She has gone above and beyond to find innovative solutions to engage every student in classroom activities striving to provide them with a sense of belonging, responsibility, and community. She creates both a learning and collaborative environment that respects every individual and meets and celebrates their unique self and skillset. Lori has also proven to be an asset in her school community, serving in various classrooms and roles to support student and school success.

Lori is a quality and passionate educator who came in as a substitute teacher but has taken on the MVHS dance program as if it were her own. She has been an asset in her school and our FCPS Dance community. She is someone that cares deeply in her work and for people, particularly her students. I recommend her for this opportunity and am confident she will be as much of an asset in your organization as she has been in ours.

Please feel free to reach out should you have any questions or concerns about this recommendation or candidate.

Sincerely,

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