

To Whom It May Concern:

It has been a genuine pleasure to be Brianna D'Alessio's colleague for last two and a half years. In that short time I have known her; Brianna has proven to be a dedicated young educator, a passionate self starter and an inspirational educator who has shown the ability to connect with students easily and proficiently. This is as much a testament to her easy going, humorous personality as it is to her quality of character. Brianna is her own most unforgiving critic, always open to positive criticism; she is perpetually honing her craft and sharpening her teaching skills. She's highly organized, detail oriented and extremely creative when developing and constructing classroom lesson plans. In the short time she has been at Matawan she has quickly become a student favorite and an integral part of the school community.

What I admire most about Brianna is her positive outlook and her level of commitment to both her students and the profession. She sees obstacles in life not as barriers to keep her out but tests to see how bad she wants something. She brings this level of determination into the building with her everyday, ready to face the next challenge head on with enthusiasm and vigor. While at Matawan Aberdeen Middle School; Brianna has: helped organize and run an interdisciplinary Hunger Games activity which fostered and developed school climate, created and implemented behavioral charts for both students with IEP's and 504s. Worked closely with support staff, volunteered for a myriad of activities before and after school and has been an inspirational assistant softball coach. She taught 6th grade Language Arts as a long term replacement before leaving to student teach and has been highlighted on the district website for her creative lessons in which she has dressed in several characters (i.e Effie Trinket, La Befana).

Brianna is a high quality colleague and a total class individual. She has shown the ability to develop meaningful rapport with her students and their parents in an effort to meet each student's educational needs. Brianna has truly jumped into the profession "feet first", always willing to be a part of extra curricular events; she is truly an invested shareholder in the school community. It is in my professional opinion that Brianna D'Alessio would be a dynamic addition to any school staff and is a vital asset to the Matawan Aberdeen Middle School community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daryl McKurth". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Daryl McKurth
School Counselor