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To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to recommend Jennifer Palombit as a candidate for a teaching position in the visual arts. Jennifer embodies the qualities necessary to be a highly effective teacher.

In the art classroom, Mrs. Palombit creates a calm, safe environment, and exhibits strong management skills. She frequently differentiates instruction and her classroom atmosphere encourages creative thinking from her students. Her high expectations for quality student work are evident in both her teaching style and her student outcomes. These high expectations were visible in her student art show at Oakland University, where she displayed exceptional middle and high school artwork that showcased a wide variety of media and thought processes.

As a guest teacher at Woodland, Jennifer successfully designed and implemented her own lesson plans for kindergarten through fifth grades. One of her projects, "Postcards", supported of one of Woodland's school improvement goals by integrating reflective writing into her art lesson. In addition, her strong fine arts background, especially her drawing and painting skills, allow her to design and deliver meaningful lessons to students of all ages.

Mrs. Palombit, a mother of two boys, is also a member of the Woodland Elementary parent community. She has actively participated in volunteer opportunities over the past seven years. Through her professionalism, kindness, and dedication, she has earned respect by both parents and teachers at Woodland.

Jennifer will be a valuable asset to any visual arts program. I highly recommend her for a teaching position. If you have any further questions with regard to her background or qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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