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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Janet Prange. I have been an Art teacher in the L'Anse Creuse district for twenty-four years, eleven years in the middle school and the last thirteen years at L'Anse Creuse High School. I am also the sponsor for the National Art Honor Society chapter 1477 at LCHS. As the most senior teacher at LCHS I have taken over many of the "department head" responsibilities and have been on the interview committee responsible for hiring the last six district art teachers. Jennifer Palombit is one of those hires.

Jennifer was hired to teach Drawing, Painting and Sculpture to students in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. All art classes at LCHS are multi-level, which means the class is made up of students in level 1 – 4 of each discipline. It is a very challenging way to teach but works best for students and scheduling. Jennifer was hired just days before Labor Day due to a last minute opening. She had just days to plan for ten preps a day!!! Most people would have buckled under the pressure but not Jennifer. She worked long hours, staying after school two to four hours on a daily basis in addition to night and weekend work to provide the best possible instruction to her students.

Jennifer created an excellent atmosphere in her classroom, blending just the right amount of control and creativity. She developed a great rapport with her students while maintaining an atmosphere of high expectations where everyone was expected to do their best and stay on task. She adapted her teaching to all levels of students, from CI and autistic special education students to the highest performing AP Studio Art students. She makes herself available everyday after school, allowing students to get caught up or just have a quiet place to work on their projects. She participated in National Art Honor Society meetings, fundraising activities and field trips, interacting with the students in a more casual atmosphere.

Jennifer believes in hard work and continuing education to enhance and develop her own art skills, methods and techniques. She enrolled in classes to become certified as an AP Drawing and 2-D Design teacher. In her first year at LCHS she mentored one student who submitted an AP Drawing portfolio and received a score of FIVE!!

Jennifer is an asset to L'Anse Creuse High School. Her students love and respect her. She is an excellent colleague, hard working, creative, talented and just fun to work with. I whole-heartedly recommend Jennifer for any teaching position. She is dedicated to creating a positive, creative environment for her students.

Sincerely,

Janet Prange  
LCHS Photography/Design teacher