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To whom it may concern;

I am pleased to be writing to recommend Jennifer Palombit for a teaching position in your school. Jennifer is an exemplary educator who exhibits professionalism through her comprehensive understanding of art processes, her passion for teaching art to students in K-12 classrooms, and her involvement in the art education community. As Coordinator of Art Education at Oakland University, I can attest that Jenny has been the best student leader I have ever had in the art education program. She served as president of our student chapter of the National Art Education Association, and through her leadership our group became the model student organization in the state. She was always highly organized and able to get her colleagues motivated to contribute. She modeled this commitment by taking on any and every task from representing the group at university student organization events to printing t-shirts and creating a Facebook presence "Oakland University Art Education" that has 200 followers. She has the potential to be a true teacher leader.

In addition to being a busy mother and full time student, Jenny volunteered for numerous events such as the Arts 'n Apples children's art making tent where she worked for three full days. In this venue, I was able to see her enthusiasm for teaching art to children and her commitment to art education. She engaged the children in the art process encouraging them to take risks and be creative. She was always positive and able to handle the confusion associated with project-based education like a veteran. I am confident that she exhibits the same organization and success in the classroom. Experienced art teachers in our local area are frequently asking to have her substitute when they have to be absent knowing that they will return to a well-managed and educated classroom.

Jenny clearly understands the importance of having an art program that celebrates the success of her students and is visible to the community. During her student teaching, she mounted a show of her students' work and held a reception for the children and their families. The student work was exceptional and the show was a resounding success.

Jenny is truly a leader among her peers. She has become a reflective practitioner who is focused on being an excellent teacher and is truly committed to continuing her education and expanding her art skills. Her portfolio of personal work is exemplary and shows strengths in a wide range of media. Her teaching portfolio shows creative lessons that are grounded in theory and aligned to the new National Common Core Art Standards. She is truly an asset to the art teaching profession and an excellent art teacher candidate. I am proud to say that she is a graduate of our program at Oakland University. If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at [Tyson@oakland.edu](mailto:Tyson@oakland.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda K. Tyson".

Linda K. Tyson  
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