

April 22, 2013



TO WHO IT MAY CONCERN:

I have mentored many teachers during my career, but Jie Min is among the finest with whom I have ever worked. She is now a licensed Mandarin Chinese teacher in the state of Arkansas, an accomplishment that is not easily achieved. She was part of the first contingent of new Chinese language teachers to arrive in Arkansas, and the preparation these young women were provided for teaching and coping with their challenges was minimal because of time constraints. However, she took every piece of advice I gave her, applied it, adapted the advice to her own skills and personality; and by the end of the second semester, Ms Min had become the best first year teacher I have ever mentored. Her Chinese language students were successful, winning local and regional contests, but more importantly, they learned an appreciation for Chinese people and the Chinese culture through their interaction with Jie Min.

Ms Min is not only a skilled teacher; she is also an exceptional young woman. She was generous with her time and worked very hard to develop rapport with her students; her students not only respected her, they also came to enjoy her class and love her as their teacher. She went far beyond the requirements of the job and earned the respect and friendship of the entire high school staff. Her integrity, her work ethic, her intelligence, and her determination to make a positive difference in the lives of others are all that anyone could want in a teacher. We lost a valuable teacher when Jie Min had to return to China.

I am very pleased to write this recommendation and know that wherever she goes, Ms Min will become a valuable and positive asset.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Craft". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joyce Craft

Superintendent of Schools