



Henry Barnard School

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am thrilled for the opportunity to recommend Becky Klassen for this position. I have served as Becky's building principal through the 2020-2021 academic year and her colleague in the years prior, and I have always been impressed by Becky's reliability, creativity, and commitment to positive learning outcomes for her students.

I can attest that in the time I have worked with Becky, she has gone above and beyond in everything she does. She is the bedrock of our foreign language program, having written our preschool to fifth grade curriculum and assessments, serving as the sole teacher of our students, arranging a heavily attended and anticipated annual Extravaganza de Español, and managing our after school enrichment language and geography programs. Becky has perfected the triangle of curriculum, instruction, and assessment so she is able to authentically assess students' performance and pivot her instruction as needed. Recently, she co-taught in our fourth grade classrooms, essentially designing a new geography curriculum that seemed to effortlessly engage a spectrum of different students.

Becky's broad base of experience living internationally, her uniquely strong cultural competence, and her skill in working collaboratively with other teachers and stakeholders has put her in a position to not only contribute as a faculty member of Henry Barnard School, but to set the tone for the direction we should be moving towards as educators. While this year has challenged each of us, Becky has managed the additional workload with poise, grace, and kindness.

Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, as I have served as HBS' interim principal, Becky has been an absolute pleasure to work with. I am confident she will be an asset to your program. Please feel free to contact me at shess@ric.edu if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hess
Interim Principal
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