

Brandon Settle

5th grade team lead & Intersession Coordinator

Harry E. James Elementary School, Hopewell City Public Schools

bsettle@hopewell.k12.va.us

09/13/2023

Maria Vargas

2nd Grade Teacher

Harry E. James Elementary School, Hopewell City Public Schools

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to highly recommend Maria Vargas for the modification of her student teaching. I have had the privilege of working closely with Maria for the past six years, during which time she has proven herself to be an exceptional educator.

Maria's dedication to her students and her craft is truly commendable. She has successfully served as both a full-time 3rd-grade teacher and 2nd-grade teacher, showcasing her versatility and adaptability in meeting the diverse needs of her students. One of Maria's outstanding strengths is her exemplary classroom management skills. She creates an environment that is conducive to learning, where students feel supported and engaged. Her ability to maintain a positive and productive atmosphere is truly remarkable. Moreover, Maria is adept at utilizing data to inform her instructional practices. She meticulously analyzes student performance data to tailor her lessons and interventions, ensuring that each child receives the targeted support they require. This approach not only enhances student achievement but also fosters a culture of continuous improvement within her classroom. One of Maria's greatest strengths is her proficiency in incorporating differentiated instruction. She employs a range of strategies to address various learning styles and abilities, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to thrive academically. Her commitment to inclusivity and equity is evident in the progress and achievements of her students.

Maria consistently demonstrates all the qualifications of a certified teacher. Her depth of knowledge in pedagogy, curriculum development, and assessment is truly impressive. She also exhibits a strong sense of professionalism, collaborating effectively with colleagues, parents, and administrators.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Brandon Settle, M ED