

Trillium Charter School

LEARNING FOR CHANGE

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to recommend Jeremy Neldon. Jeremy joined Trillium Charter School as an intermediate teacher for grades 3rd-5th in 2007. Jeremy has been a strong addition to our team. Jeremy is an experienced teacher and a leader with a clear vision. He has made many contributions to Trillium as a whole, in addition to ensuring that engaging, relevant learning happens in his classroom on a daily basis.

A critical role of a teacher at Trillium is to develop curriculum through integration of constructivist teaching and state standards. Jeremy has met the challenge by providing rich and varied lessons for his students. He integrates subjects across the curriculum, creates real-world context, uses the interests of his students as a springboard into projects and often culminates with exhibition of the project for the broader community. His students are engaged, challenged and excited about their learning.

Jeremy has made it a point to work closely with his students and their families to optimize the learning success of each individual in the classroom. Over the years, multiple parents have complimented Jeremy's ability to communicate on a consistent and regular basis through his classroom blog, emails, phone calls, electronic portfolios and conferences. Jeremy communicates student successes as well as challenges and has a solid foundation of mutual trust and respect with his students and their parents.

Central to our work at Trillium is our dedication to working as a team to provide exciting curriculum for our students. He collaborates closely with his team of teachers and together they have piloted and successfully implemented a cutting edge electronic portfolio system to document student work and growth. Jeremy trains both students and parents on the use of the electronic portfolio and uses the portfolio as a tool to inform his teaching as well as to empower students to document their learning.

In addition to the commitments in the classroom, Jeremy has been an member of Trillium's Board of Directors. Over the years Jeremy has assisted with hiring committees, professional development and the vision of the school as a whole.

I highly recommend Jeremy. He is dedicated, committed and a masterful teacher. Jeremy will be an asset to any school.

Sincerely,



Genevieve Bouwes
Executive Director