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Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

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RE: Reference Letter for Karen Corbell

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter of recommendation is on behalf of Mrs. Karen Corbell, in reference to her experience at Chapman School as our Fifth Grade Teacher. Before hiring her for the FY19 school year, Mrs. Corbell did her student teaching at our school in FY13. During the second semester that year, I hired Mrs. Corbell as our Title I reading interventionist for the remainder of the year. I have known Mrs. Corbell in these capacities since 2012. Between those timeframes, Mrs. Corbell taught in Hawaii.

Mrs. Corbell is a dedicated teacher who is well prepared to teach students of varying ability levels. She has a knack for teaching students of higher needs and economic disadvantage, and she continually demonstrates the requisite skills to develop students into independent, life-long learners no matter their backgrounds. Her differentiation skills are that of a seasoned educator, and she has embraced our school district's implementation of personalized learning into her instruction. Mrs. Corbell's classroom has consistently demonstrated student artifacts that support student independence, responsibility, and self-assessment. She plans meaningful, project-based units that are developed around student interest. Mrs. Corbell incorporated the curriculum into a very positive and nurturing environment with appropriate expectations and the activities she designs are engaging and deliberate.

Mrs. Corbell not only follows the appropriate curriculum, but also has the ability to refine her instruction to include technology, multiple content areas, and appropriate assessments. Her skills in curriculum mapping insures that she is teaching to the optimal amount of state standards, while providing content that has relevancy for her students. The high level of engagement that Mrs. Corbell gets out of her students makes the need for administrative support in the area of discipline virtually nonexistent.

Mrs. Corbell truly cares about the students she teaches. She is a team player who supports administrative decisions and works cooperatively with other staff members for the betterment of the school. Mrs. Corbell's unique life experiences lend to her personal touch when dealing with students of high needs. This has helped set a foundation for what I am sure will be a long and successful career in education.

I would be happy to elaborate on any part of this letter of support for Karen Corbell, or gladly be available to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Woodhead", written in a cursive style.

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The parents, staff, and students of Chapman School, along with the community of Anchor Point, agree that Chapman Students learn best when:

1. students take pride in themselves, their school, and their community.
2. students are kind, respectful, and caring toward all citizens.
3. students set goals that help them succeed.
4. students choose healthy and safe activities.
5. students take responsibility for their learning.