

CHEVY CHASE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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To Whom It May Concern:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Ms. Katie Nimitarnun for a teaching job in your school district. As my colleague and teammate for the past six years, Ms. Nimitarnun is currently a fifth grade Reading teacher who has earned the respect of professional colleagues, community leaders, parents, and students. Throughout her career as an educator, she has greatly influenced the field of education and profoundly impacted the students she has taught at Chevy Chase Elementary School. She is a fantastic candidate to become a member of your school team.

Ms. Nimitarnun maintains a standard of excellence in every aspect of education. Previously, as a third grade teacher, she had to meet the challenge of teaching all subject areas with the county's Curriculum 2.0 based on the Common Core State Standards. Ms. Nimitarnun tackled this challenge head on with engaging and exciting lessons throughout the students' educational day. In order to do this she has devoted hours outside of her duty day to plan exceptional lessons which incorporated technology, multi-media presentations, and small group instruction. This helped Ms. Nimitarnun reach all of her students and helped them learn the subject matter in a way that they would remember.

This year, Ms. Nimitarnun is tackling another new challenge with her new position as a 5th grade reading teacher. She is having to both learn a new grade level curriculum and foster a love for reading in her students and is extremely successful at both. It is a treat to hear Ms. Nimitarnun and her students excited about what is happening in the class. Most recently, she held a March Madness style book bracket to get students to read a variety of student recommended texts! She addresses the varied needs of her students through differentiated instruction and has attended various workshops in order to learn new techniques for meeting all the needs of her students. By enriching or modifying the curriculum to meet diverse needs, she assures success for all. She is often called upon to share her expertise with other colleagues.

One of the things that I admire most about Ms. Nimitarnun, or "Ms. N." as her students adoringly call her, is her ability to foster and maintain close relationships with her students. She makes sure that each student knows she cares by creating a trusting and fun learning environment in her classroom. This is clearly evident in the way her students respect her. They value her feedback for their academic growth and also take her advice to heart when they go to her for issues that may be occurring outside of the academic day. Many of her students comment about her always smiling! This is the essence of Ms.N. Her classroom is an exceptional place to learn. Moreover, she makes an effort to know her students outside of the classroom. She participates in after-school clubs like sports club and the school play, and even attends students' sports games and other events after school and on the weekends.

Outside of the classroom, Ms. Nimitarnun works hard to help make Chevy Chase Elementary a great place to be for both students, staff and parents. She is an active member of the Leadership team where she collaborates with all stakeholders and assists with key decisions that affect the school as a whole. She has also done a tremendous job of keeping parents well informed through, progress reports, phone calls, conferences, emails, and a self-designed class web site. She has fostered strong relationships with the parents at Chevy Chase by participating in outside events like a Study Circle that met in the Barrington Community of Silver Spring and also Reading Night.

I cannot think of a better person to be a teacher at your school. She is a dedicated, hard-working and gifted teacher who would be a strong asset to your school community. I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Katie Nimitarnun each day and appreciate all of her outstanding efforts to support the education of the students at Chevy Chase Elementary School and I can only anticipate you will feel the same way.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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