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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of support for Mrs. Hajaar Abdullah-Aziz. I have found Mrs. Abdullah-Asia to be an exceptional educator and an inspiration to our students. She has proven to be competent in handling various situations, thus ensuring that she is an asset to our school. Mrs. Abdullah-Aziz's assertive, self-confident manner has endeared her to our staff and they feel comfortable consulting her about any instructional matter.

We have found that Mrs. Abdullah-Aziz uses sound judgment when confronted with the plethora of challenges that she faces on a daily basis in our school system. Her calm and direct manner enables her to effectively and strategically deal with the issue at hand systemically and systematically. At the same time, she has proven tolerant and open-minded about ideas and philosophies that may conflict with her own.

I have found that Mrs. Abdullah-Aziz enjoys her job, which is evidenced by the enthusiasm, conversational ability, and humor that is necessary to build relationships needed for effective communication.

We have been extremely impressed with Mrs. Abdullah-Aziz's student teaching and tutoring abilities. She has been tutoring students in mathematics since she was sixteen years of age. She worked during her summer vacations with our staff and eventually was hired as a part time teacher assistant. Her ability to make the complex skills of seventh and eighth grade math accessible to all students is one of her strengths.

We feel that Mrs. Abdullah-Aziz will be an asset to your program and will continue to impact the trajectory of the math levels of students of all ages in the near and distant futures.

Sincerely,



Sharif El-Mekki  
Principal