



BISHOP GRANDIN HIGH SCHOOL

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To Whom it may Concern,

Re: Katherine Abella (Kaye)

I am a guidance counsellor at Bishop Grandin High School and was fortunate enough to receive the assistance of one of our student teachers, Kaye, to help with events that are organized by our student group, The Bishop Grandin Water Project. This social justice team organizes events to raise awareness and fundraise for global access to clean drinking water and sanitation for all.

Kaye, is a very pleasant individual. She regularly attended our team meetings and always showed up with a bright smile eager to help. In the two events that she assisted with, she showed great organizational skills and worked with the team with ease. What was particularly impressive was how she quietly offered up her talents for our Christmas coffee house through performing and then she led the audience in a melody of Christmas songs at the end of the evening. This girl sings beautifully. After the event, Kaye stayed to ensure that everything was cleaned up and put away.

There are personal qualities I noticed in Kaye that really bode her well for her chosen profession. She wants to contribute outside of the classroom and she is keen to work with youth in this capacity. Although I was not her teaching supervisor, it is notable that she taught high school English to one of my most challenging students to work with as a counsellor. I did personally witness how her calm ways with this student assisted him in managing his very challenging mood disorder. I know he felt she cared about his learning and about him as a person. This is a great accomplishment on her part.

I wish Kaye the best in her career as an educator. She has many personal qualities and traits that I think will bring her great success.

Sincerely,

Patricia Calon