

# Middle Canyon Elementary

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Dear District and/or School Hiring Committee,

I'm writing this letter for Melissa Osmun recommending her for a teaching position. I'm privileged to have been able to work with her during her four years teaching in Kindergarten at Middle Canyon. I've been her Instructional Coach as well as her mentor for the EYE program so I've been able to observe her in many facets of her teaching. I've also served with her as Middle Canyon Elementary AR representatives for the Tooele Education Foundation this past year.

Melissa has proven to be a master of routines, procedures and excellent classroom management. I've continually been amazed when I walk into Melissa's classroom. Her students are so well-behaved, and they know exactly what is expected of them at each point of their instructional day. She knows how to use her nonverbal signals to communicate to her students to have them chorally respond or to quickly transition. This process is effortless and quite unique to watch. Her classroom has a positive vibe throughout the day where every student stays engaged and motivated to learn.

Melissa maintains a professional and positive demeanor at Middle Canyon Elementary. Working in the field of education isn't an easy feat, and she has proven herself to always maintain a professional stance regardless of the situation(s). I've seen her face a couple incidences in the past four years that were very difficult situations for any teacher to face, but I was pleased to see her maintain her professionalism, persistence and integrity within those situations. She believes in her role as a teacher, she is confident in who she is as a teacher, and her attitude truly shows that on a daily basis.

Most importantly, she loves her students. She sacrifices a lot of time to ensure that her classroom and teaching is ready every day. I love to observe how she interacts daily with her students. She continually motivates her students socially and academically which is why her students do so well in her classroom. Her students truly adore her!

Melissa Osmun would be an incredible asset to any Elementary School. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

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