



PALMQUIST ELEMENTARY STEM-E SCHOOL



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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a recommendation for Mr. Robert Cross. It has been my pleasure to be acquainted with Mr. Cross since January of 2015. In all my interactions with Bobby I have found him to be an individual of great creativity, flexibility, and personal integrity.

Bobby joined the Palmquist team as a student teacher last January. Over the year, he has worked with kindergarten, fifth grade, and third grade students. I had the opportunity to observe Bobby teaching on several occasions. Bobby used his knowledge of the *Common Core State Standards* as well as the *California Standards for the Teaching Profession* to create lessons which were assessment driven and met the needs of the diverse learners in the classroom. He is organized and provides students with language rich experiences which stimulate learning. His lessons demonstrate thoughtful planning and preparation; combining strategies from current pedagogical research with his own expertise in technology. The outcome is a class where children are developing a life-long love for learning.

During his time at Palmquist, Mr. Cross was one of the staff. He participated in all professional development opportunities provided on-site. With our recent implementation of *Project Lead the Way*, Bobby had the opportunity to instruct hands-on inquiry-based curriculum. His extensive knowledge of technology and understanding of the inquiry model were an asset in the classroom. As an adjunct project, Bobby assisted in the redevelopment of the Palmquist Elementary website. He also led a project to advertise the Palmquist Community Farm and worked with students to sell fresh fruits and vegetables to our local community. Mr. Cross is the "go to" sub for our farm teacher as well as other teachers on staff. His flexibility and ease of instruction allow him to work comfortably with any age student.

I enthusiastically recommend Mr. Cross for any position he may be seeking. His knowledge, strong communication skills and sincere dedication to a quality education for all students makes him an invaluable asset to any endeavor he pursues.

Sincerely,

Vicki Langan-Gravlin

Principal – Palmquist Elementary