

Lister Elementary School

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To Whom It May Concern:

Without reservation, I feel honored to recommend Christle Hart to you!

I've known Christle Hart for several years, and the last two years as a colleague in special education in the Tacoma School District. Throughout these experiences with Christle, she has consistently proven herself to be a strong, versatile leader. She thinks quickly, grasps the bigger picture and acts on the smaller steps necessary to actualize those larger goals; problem solves efficiently; and collaborates respectfully with staff, students and parents.

Christle Hart's diversity of experiences in educational settings uniquely qualifies her to become an instant asset. She works exceptionally well with students that others have given up on. Whose futures were positively redirected because of her early interventions. Christle Hart's resume conveys both a depth and breadth of experience in collaborative leadership, the milieu of Special Education, program and curriculum development, and student behavior support systems. The many roles Christle Hart has filled encompass a broad range of responsibilities, but all of them revolve around school's absolute imperative to facilitative dramatic improvements in student's academic and social-emotional success and development. Perhaps the quality that I most admire in Christle Hart is her unwavering commitment to advocate for students with special needs. She possesses an intuition about these kids that I've rarely seen in other educators, and she pairs this intuition with her experience, knowledge, and intellect to create plans and support the staff implementing them, in a way that really does redirect the course of children's lives.

One of Christle Hart's great strengths is in collaboration. She possesses great skills in working with individuals and teams with very different needs and cultures. Ms. Hart navigates these challenges well, helping everyone move forward on their own continuum of effectiveness.

Often educators measure the quality of a colleague by asking if they'd have their own son or daughter in the colleague's building, or classroom. I can say, without hesitation, that I would trust Christle Hart with the education of my own children. She is a professional of great integrity, skill, intelligence, and humor. Please contact me at any time if you have questions at 253-431-9766.

Sincerely,

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