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**To whom it may concern,**

I am Georgia Allen, a special education teacher at Hill City Elementary School in Jasper, Georgia. I had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Jacqueline Stanescu for six years. During this time, I supported many students in various settings including Art.

Mrs. Stanescu brought life and love to Hill City Elementary, through her creativity and dedication to making mistakes work. In fact, her saying has helped many students break out of their comfort zones. Many of my students struggle with anxiety and worry about their academics and art work being perfect. Even months after Mrs. Stanescu left, I have students who help themselves and others' mindsets by saying 'make your mistakes work'.

Many of our students have experienced significant trauma or struggle with learning disabilities. In Mrs. Stanescu's classroom, these students were able to open up through art and creation; many were able to find beauty in their life and success in her positive learning environment. I state this not only as a teacher, but also as a parent of a student with an emotional behavioral diagnosis. My son was able to open up and enjoy himself, whether it was drawing or having the opportunity to throw on the potter's wheel. Even when his attention was unmaintainable in math, her engaging lessons kept him engrossed in her class.

I recommend Jacqueline for an art teaching position and would love to have her back at our school if she were to move back into our area. She is an amazing asset and teacher. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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