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Dear Sir or Madame,

I had the pleasure of working with Ms. Alison Schorsch for school year 2009-2010. We became fast friends because of our deep love of travel and our lively discussions of educational trends.

I was the Information Specialist (librarian) of the school and my library was located next door to the art room. I watched Ms Schorsch spend numerous hours turning a dilapidated room into a thriving art room. She worked tirelessly to get rid of rotted and faded mounds of construction paper and individual rows of desks. She replaced the paper and desks with tables, chairs, objects of art, models, still life examples, art prints, easels, drying racks, and paints.

Ms. Schorsch made sure examples of the children's artwork were tastefully displayed in the hallways. Many times I would see children take their parents through the hallway and proudly say "Here is mine," and proceed to tell the parent what the objective of the lesson was. My favorite display was the family portraits. The students were proud of the display and sometimes I caught them in the hall explaining to their friends who the family members in the portrait were. One time I heard a little boy say, "there's my Daddy who is in Iraq and he's coming home in two weeks!"

At school assemblies, Ms Schorsch had her classes take their sketchbooks. The students were responsible for sketching something in the assembly. They sketched actors, birds of prey, band performances, wax museum characters, science fair winners and projects, etc., etc. Ms Schorsch took classes outside for sketching too. The sketchbooks became very treasured mementos for the children as well as their parents. The sketchbook became a portfolio of a year's worth of art instruction.

I believe Ms. Schorsch is a dedicated and inspiring art teacher. I believe through she has probably touched and inspired many children to pursue art as a profession and a passion.

Sincerely yours,

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