

## DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Alison Dubois Eker, a talented educator who I have known for many years in many roles: as a wonderful elementary school ENL teacher, a mentor to our students, and most recently, as a colleague and adjunct instructor at NYU.

I have been fortunate to work with Alison in my role as coordinator of student teaching placements for the NYU program in TESOL, bilingual and world language education. She has been a reliable and supportive mentor for many years, and is without fail one of our most preferred mentor teachers. Her kind and joyful demeanor translates to a safe and respectful relationship with student teachers, who love to learn and grow with her. She successfully models respectful, culturally responsive pedagogies and the building of relationships with her own elementary school students. She calls on and shares a vast library of knowledge of activities, strategies and technological tools for working with multilingual learners.

Over the years, Alison has shared her knowledge and strategies for teaching as a valued guest speaker in my courses. When the course “Methods of Teaching Language Arts with a Bilingual Approach” needed a new instructor, she was first on my list. It turns out I was not the only faculty member who saw her value; in the same academic year she joined us as student teaching seminar instructor in the Childhood Education program. As instructor, Alison completely revamped the curricula to reflect the realities of teaching multilingual learners in elementary school classrooms. The courses are interactive, utilizing activities which teacher candidates can then use in their classes. Student evaluations for the courses have been outstanding.

In the spring semester, when classes and schools suddenly went online, Alison did not miss a beat. She transitioned to the online environment seamlessly, and has since shared a library of resources with faculty and instructors in our program.

Alison is a natural teacher, reflective and effective, who will be an asset to any program lucky enough to have her. She is a supportive, kind mentor to students and colleague in teaching, and always goes the extra mile. She has my very highest recommendation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like more information.

Sincerely,



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