



# VINCENT SMITH SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Carla Preston and I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Ms. Lauren Gibbs to be selected for employment within your school community. I worked with Ms. Gibbs at the Vincent Smith School, a small private special education school in Port Washington, NY. We worked together from September 2016 to June 2021, in which she was our full-time art teacher. During Ms. Gibbs's time here, she was an exemplary faculty member. She was punctual every day and professional in her demeanor. Most of all, Ms. Gibbs was an intricate part of our school's art development and curriculum.

Ms. Gibbs was able to tailor lessons and teach the elements and principles of art to students ages five through 21 of various classifications and disabilities, which is no easy feat. Additionally, Ms. Gibbs created the school's yearbook each year, ran our annual art shows, created the art displays and murals in all three buildings on campus, introduced art journals to our students, introduced digital photography as an art elective, assisted our college-bound art students with their portfolios, and ran art clubs for the duration of each school year. As if that does not say enough, Ms. Gibbs also built impactful and strong relationships with students, staff, and parents. She helped develop student confidence as they discovered their new artistic talents within her classroom, and worked closely with colleagues to enhance students' experience in school.

Again, I highly and strongly recommend Ms. Lauren Gibbs for a position within your school's community. She is truly an amazing and invaluable asset, and any school would be lucky to have her. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time.

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