



Lakeview Elementary School

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To the Weber School District Awards Committee,

I am honored to nominate Miss Kenna Pitcher, a first-year teacher whose impact on students is already being felt throughout our school. It is rare to see a new educator demonstrate the level of dedication, instructional skill, and heart that Miss Pitcher brings to her classroom each day. Her ability to build strong relationships with students, differentiate instruction, and create a classroom culture where every child feels valued is truly remarkable—especially in her first year of teaching.

At the beginning of the year, Miss Pitcher welcomed a group of energetic kindergarten students to Lakeview, including one student who struggled with emotional regulation and following classroom expectations. Rather than seeing these challenges as barriers, Miss Pitcher approached the situation with patience, empathy, and determination. She built a trusting relationship with the student, established consistent routines to support a successful start to each day, and implemented strategies that allowed the student to participate meaningfully in the classroom. At the same time, she helped her other students learn empathy and acceptance while remaining engaged in their own learning. Because of her efforts, this student began to thrive and participate alongside peers.

Miss Pitcher goes above and beyond to make learning engaging and meaningful. Her classroom is filled with energy as she uses songs, chants, attention signals, and positive incentives to keep students actively involved in lessons. She closely monitors student learning through ongoing assessment, allowing her to adjust instruction and provide targeted support. One of Miss Pitcher's greatest strengths is the structured learning environment she has created. Clear routines, consistent expectations, and exceptional pacing allow students to transition smoothly between activities while maximizing instructional time. She has also shown a strong commitment to early literacy instruction by mastering and implementing Reading Horizons with fidelity. Her instruction is thoughtfully differentiated, and students actively participate through whiteboard practice, Reading Horizons actions, and hands-on demonstrations of reading skills. As a result, 86% of her students are meeting their Pathways of Progress growth goals, reflecting her strong use of data and belief in her students' potential.

Miss Pitcher's classroom is a place where all students are respected and encouraged to grow. Her classroom management and engagement strategies are so effective that other teachers have visited her classroom to observe and learn from her practice. What stands out most about Miss Pitcher is her heart for students. She welcomes challenges, supports diverse learners, and approaches each day with enthusiasm and optimism. She makes every student feel important and provides the support necessary for each child to succeed.

Miss Pitcher is an exceptional educator whose passion, dedication, and professionalism far exceed what is typically expected of a first-year teacher. I have had the privilege of working with many talented educators, and she stands among the finest new teachers I have encountered. I wholeheartedly recommend her for this recognition.

Sincerely,

Stacy Rountree
Principal- Lakeview Elementary