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NORTH THURSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NISQUALLY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation for Samantha Holmes, who has served as a dedicated paraeducator at Nisqually Middle School for the past 1.5 years. In her time here, she has worked both as a one-on-one paraeducator and as a resource para, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to supporting students and ensuring their success.

Samantha consistently advocates for her students, approaching her work with determination and a clear passion for helping young learners thrive. She provides push-in support across various content classes, working closely with her cooperating teacher to adapt instruction and foster student engagement. Her attention to detail is evident in the way she collects and records data for IEP progress monitoring, ensuring that students' growth and needs are accurately documented. Additionally, she assists in correcting and entering student work, contributing to meaningful progress tracking and individualized support.

Beyond the classroom, Samantha extends her dedication to students through extracurricular involvement, having coached our 6th-grade track team. Her ability to connect with students, encourage them, and foster a positive team environment speaks to her ability to build strong, trusting relationships.

Samantha is an invaluable asset to any educational team. She is professional, compassionate, and deeply invested in student success. I highly recommend her without reservation and am confident she will continue to make a positive impact wherever she goes.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Courtney Crawford", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Courtney Crawford
Principal
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