

April 20th, 2008

To: Whom It May Concern,

Lauren Cleve was an Oakland University field student placed in my first grade classroom at Walton Charter Academy. She worked with my students once a week in the mornings from January through April 2008. Although Lauren was only required to complete thirty hours in my classroom, she went above and beyond this requirement, which I find a wonderful and necessary quality in a teacher. Putting in extra time and effort is an extremely important characteristic found in good teachers, and Lauren has displayed this time and again.

I found Ms. Cleve to be extremely flexible and always willing to try new things. She came to my classroom each Thursday morning with a smile on her face and full of energy. This was always very motivational for my 24 first graders. Ms. Cleve performed a variety of classroom tasks including organizing Friday folders, checking in homework, going over morning work, read alouds, and various comprehension activities.

Lauren was always on time, dressed professionally, and a kind and caring mentor to my students. She handled some of the "behavior issue" students in a firm yet positive manner. She brought fresh, new ideas to the classroom, and her and I worked well as a team to provide instruction in an educational and fun way.

It is without hesitation that I would recommend Ms. Lauren Cleve for any teaching position. Her energy, enthusiasm, and hard-working attitude would be an asset to any school. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [26.dgadzinski@heritageacademies.com](mailto:26.dgadzinski@heritageacademies.com) or (248) 371-9300.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Gadzinski