

To: Thomas Reed

From: Lori Graves

Date: August 18, 2026

RE: Dawn Knezic

It is my recommendation that Bridgman Public Schools hire Dawn Knezic as a first grade teacher for the 2026-27 school year.

Dawn has 13 years of experience at Bridgman Elementary teaching Title I in ELA and math. She is familiar with the core curriculum in science and social studies. Dawn has advanced training in the science of reading instruction such as LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling), UFLI, Heggerty, Reading Plus, Learning without Tears and Orton Gillingham. She has extensive knowledge in data interpretation and interventions. She has also served as a daily and long-term substitute teacher.

Dawn has a passion for helping kids learn and reach their full potential. She has been a dedicated part of our elementary school staff. For these reasons, I highly recommend the hiring of Dawn Knezic for the first grade teaching position.