

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to nominate our Speech Language Teacher whose impact sends ripples to every corner of our school. Mrs. Long has touched students in ways that change us personally and professionally. Mrs. Long is a teacher dedicated to helping students, and differentiating to meet individual needs, which is a fundamental part of her educational model.

This year Mrs. Long has been integral in supporting changes which have come with a new administrator, implementing a positive atmosphere amongst the faculty and staff and being willing to work with some of the hardest students. She has gone above and beyond to make school fun and exciting for students as well as building a relationship with them. All students who work with Mrs. Long are thriving and excited to come to school everyday.

With Mrs. Long, all students are treated with respect. She has been able to create strong engaging lessons with all her speech students that include hands-on learning with manipulatives. She teaches in such a way that she has developed excellent management techniques for all students' abilities across all grade levels. A great area of strength for Mrs. Long is the rapport she builds with her students. Her attitude is always positive and she has a terrific influence on the whole school environment.

Mrs. Long welcomes the opportunity to take on some of the toughest kids in the school and comes to work every day with a smile on her face. Again, she makes every kid feel like they are the most important person. She continues to implement the best teaching strategies and is continually developing herself professionally through ongoing professional development.

We could write on and on about the passion and dedication with which Mrs. Long teaches students and collaborates with her peers. She is one of the finest educators we have worked with and I hope you will honor her with an "I Love Teaching" award.

Sincerely,

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Principal, Lakeview Elementary

Kim Vorwaller

Administrative Intern