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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure and confidence that I write this letter of recommendation for Ruth Canji. I worked with Ruth when she was a teacher at Cameron Elementary School and I was the Literacy Coach. In the time that I worked with her, Ruth possessed strong work ethics, was professional and very enthusiastic.

During the time Ruth was at Cameron, the school was in a partnership with the Center of School Improvement at University of Chicago. Ruth was an integral part of this. As a first year teacher, Ruth took part in a research project with Gay Su Pinnel. She allowed herself to be videotaped while teaching and being coached afterwards by me. The results were used in the book *Systems for Change* by Gay Su Pinnel. Ruth was always very positive in our coaching sessions and during the professional development classes on Balanced Literacy. It was obvious that she used the knowledge gained from the coaching and professional development while teaching her students.

Ruth was given the opportunity to be the first 'all day' kindergarten teacher at Cameron School. Mrs. Valignota, the principal, was extremely pleased with the progress the students made in the class. Ruth was passionate about improving instruction that would benefit all of the children in her classroom. She always collaborated with her colleagues and was a team player. Ruth encouraged parent volunteers in her room in order to give students more one on one time.

It is for these reasons that I offer a strong recommendation for Ruth Canji for a position at your school. Her love for education and her passion for children were evident everyday in her teaching. If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 847- 338-5220 or via email at [rsschneiderman@cps.edu](mailto:rsschneiderman@cps.edu).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Renee Schneiderman