



**RIVER RIDGE ELEMENTARY  
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To whom it may concern:

I'm pleased to recommend Danell Ricciardella for any position in which she is applying. I have had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Ricciardella for the 2013-14 school year and I highly recommend her for any teaching position at the elementary level. Mrs. Ricciardella came to River Ridge with an abundance of international teaching experience as well as being very highly recommended. She has certainly lived up to and surpassed those expectations in her first grade classroom.

Mrs. Ricciardella is a master teacher who differentiates her instruction to meet all of her learners' needs. She has excellent classroom management techniques and the rapport that she has built with her parents and students is second to none. Mrs. Ricciardella is also a wonderful "team player." She constantly collaborates with her teammates while continually improving her own practice. At the same time, Danell has also played a critical role in providing honest feedback to campus administration whenever necessary.

At River Ridge we highly value leadership skills, both in our students and our staff. We believe Mrs. Ricciardella exemplifies these qualities and would be an excellent member of any team in the educational community. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jim Rose  
Principal  
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