

*Buffalo Grove*



*Park District*

July 23, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Kathy Poelker.

Kathy has worked with the teachers and children of the Buffalo Grove Park District Preschool Program for more than 20 years. She has consistently presented excellent staff development workshops that have contributed significantly to our preschool program. Her love of music and love of teaching are evident through the presentations she gives.

Kathy is a very competent instructor who shares her expertise willingly and with great enthusiasm. She earnestly believes in the strategies and materials she presents, as she motivates and encourages those she works with to achieve their personal best. In her presentations, Kathy shares her original songs, music activities, and teaching methods that support current brain research, and a wealth of additional methods and strategies appropriate to the early childhood classroom. She is truly a Master Teacher.

In May 1994, our Board of Commissioners for the Buffalo Grove Park District passed Resolution 94-5-7 that formally recognizes and appreciates Kathy's talents and years of service to the Preschool and the children of the community.

A prolific composer and author, Kathy has extended the best of her work and methods in her materials published for early childhood classrooms. In her presentations Kathy shares developmentally appropriate strategies that reflect her wide range of teaching experiences in the United States and internationally. One can easily see Kathy shares from her heart and in so doing is able to inspire her audiences to help them develop specific music teaching skills to use immediately in their individual early childhood classrooms.

As Director of the Buffalo Grove Park District Preschool Program, I, along with the many teachers and children who have had the pleasure to work with Kathy Poelker, write this letter of recommendation.

Sincerely,

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