



Val Hughes
Executive Director

Dear Fellowship Committee;

January 22, 2013

I would recommend, with pleasure, Dr. Nada Saab for the Teaching Ambassador Fellowship Program. In 2008, Dr. Saab was assigned by the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (Wayne RESA) to service our English Language Learners (ELL) at all grade levels (K-12). Since then, we have been pleased with the performance and progress of our ELL program. Dr. Saab has been servicing the students to attain the English Proficiency Level in all the language aspects of reading, writing, speaking and comprehension. She is responsible for the process that involves initial screening of the language proficiency, collecting the data, filing the appropriate documents, and then all the follow up procedures ending with administering the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) mandated by the State of Michigan. As results of Dr. Saab's work with the district's ELL Program the district received positive performance reviews from Michigan Department Education (MDE). We truly appreciated the presents, comments and expertise during the MDE onsite review of district's ELL programs. Dr. Saab's dedication and professionalism have consistently contributed to achieving annual progress of our students. She accepts openly all additional requests besides her daily instructions to the students.

Dr. Saab's Arabic background and knowledge of the culture and language have helped us to a great extent to communicate with the Arabic community and ease their accommodations within our district. I always receive good comments from the principals of our schools about her professionalism while interacting with staff students and parents. Again, I do recommend Dr. Saab for the fellowship and we acknowledge that it may entail time for travel.

As Executive Director of Instruction and Innovation, I strongly recommend Dr. Saab for The Teaching Ambassador Fellowship Program. I am excited to make this recommendations, this opportunity also provides our students, teachers and administrators with a connection to expertise and national dialogue with educators across the country. As Dr. Saab is accepted to the Fellowship, her experiences will enhance our instructional programs for all students. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (313) 565-1117 or email, hughesv@wwschools.net if you need further information.

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