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To whom this may concern,

Mrs. Mikolajchak has been a wonderful student teacher for the students at Dulles High School. When Mrs. Mikolajchak started teaching at Dulles, our son came home very excited. He was excited because she was so energetic and was very knowledgeable about all the aspects of FFA.

Soon after she started, there was a progress show and she came and was hands on with our son's animal and helped him every step of the way. I had not met her yet and I was very impressed with her and all she knew, her confidence in herself as well as the students she was helping. We have been in FFA for five years and have raised just about every animal you can raise and show but she brought a new view to things. She showed him things that he had not been shown before and her knowledge has been invaluable.

In the classroom, our son has said that her teaching style has made the class fun. She has a very creative way of teaching that helps make the learning process enjoyable. The students listen to her and she has great class management. I know our son's class well and the students can be a challenge. You have students that really are behavioral problems as well as students that are not as interested as others in the class. I have seen Mrs. Mikolajchak with the students and she is wonderful.

This year when it came time to getting students involved in the Quiz Teams, they actually could not take all the students that wanted to participate. Mrs. Mikolajchak helped created the study cards, the scripts for the Radio Team and she stayed after school two days a week to work with the teams and help them study. This was the best Dulles High School has done in several years. Mrs. Mikolajchak's enthusiasm I truly believe is why so many students wanted to be involved and why they placed so well. She made the learning process fun.

Mrs. Mikolajchak has been a great asset to the students at Dulles High School. We can only hope that she can stay on with the school. If not, Mrs. Mikolajchak will be greatly missed. She is not only a wonderful person but a fabulous teacher.

Sincerely,

Gene and Debbie Poncik