



Patton Elementary School

A Golden Apple Award Winning School

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Mrs. Stajich,

It has been a pleasure having you complete your Administrative Internship at Patton Elementary. You have made a genuine effort to immerse yourself in our school activities and furthermore, our culture. Julie, needless to say, this is no easy task considering you were new to our Patton community with no previous experience as a Patton staff member. Your interest in administration, positive personality, and initiative, suits you well as you prepare for a future in administration.

Over the course of your internship with Patton Elementary, our focus has been on school leadership skills in the areas of increasing student achievement, communication and school safety. We have a special responsibility as leaders in our schools and you experienced and participated in many administrative duties such as: Attendance hearings, child study meetings, MEAP data review, Title One activities, staff evaluations, classroom observations, yearbook, and school discipline. We had many conversations about student achievement, teaching strategies, planning staff meetings, scheduling conferences and how to work with difficult parents.

As you develop your leadership style, always remain visible to your community and maintain consistency in what you say and do for the benefit of others. Having a shared vision that promotes the success of all students is number 1# in my book. Your shared vision of learning, and communicating it to students, parents, staff, and the community will be only one of the many roles you will assume as a principal.

Julie, you have demonstrated already that you advocate, nurture and promote strong student growth and development; and the passion you have displayed for this profession helps you to continually strive to improve on a daily basis. In addition, your interest about involvement of families in school events and Title One activities has shown you how schools and families can work as partners in the education of their children.

I have read that "real leaders concentrate on doing the right thing, not on doing things right". That advice I take with me each day to school. Be an ethical leader.

I have enjoyed working with you this school year and I hope you found this experience rewarding. I have awarded you 100 out of 100 points for this Administrative Internship. If I ever can be of further assistance don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Faye Bucci
Principal