

Williams-Cone School

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To whom it may concern:

It is a pleasure to write a recommendation on behalf of the Cathance River Educational Alliance. I have had the privilege of working with CREA in several capacities including as a classroom teacher, as the Gifted and Talented Coordinator for M.S.A.D. No. 75, and most recently as principal of Williams-Cone Elementary School.

The common denominators throughout these experiences are the exceptional quality of CREA's educational programming and the enthusiastic response that students of all ages and abilities have expressed to me after working with CREA staff.

Williams-Cone School has recently formed a partnership with CREA to provide targeted science programming to students in grades two and four. This contracted programming will include sessions at the Cathance River Ecology Center as well as a variety of outreach programming.

What has impressed me most of all is CREA's proactive approach to ensuring that their differentiated programming is directly tailored to meet the unique curricular needs of our school and our District. As part of the planning, a CREA staff member first met with me to ensure that their larger goals were aligned with curriculum initiatives already underway in our District. This was followed by meetings with my staff members to fine-tune plans and to integrate the programming with literacy, science, and social studies expectations. Sessions have already begun and the response from students and teachers has been phenomenal.

Overall, I feel incredibly fortunate that we have the opportunity to access such high quality, hands-on learning through the Cathance River Educational Alliance. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and encourage you to give me a call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Ciembroniewicz, Principal

A nurturing learning community, where the connections between teacher and student are centered in each child's learning.

