



# Murray Park Quest Elementary Schools

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TO: Dr. Whitrock and the Ripon Board of Education  
 FROM: Jessi Johnson  
 DATE: August 7, 2024  
 RE: Recommendation for 1.0 FTE

It is my recommendation that Karina Nisiewicz be hired for the 2024-25 school year.

**Position:** This position is being filled due to the resignation of Ali Geiger.

**Certification:**

Position or Subject (WI DPI Code)	Level	State	Year Expires
Elementary Education	1-8	WI	lifetime
Health	1-8	WI	lifetime

**Education:**

Name of School	Degree	Date Earned	Major(s)
University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	Bach. of Science in Education	12/2019	Elementary Education

**Work Experience (Student Teaching):**

Name of District/ Organization	School/ Location	Position	Job Tasks
Clay Lamberton Elementary School	Berlin, WI	5th grade	Teaching responsibilities

**Process:**

<b>Number of applicants for the position:</b>	8
<b>Quality of applicants:</b>	Most applicants were new to the field or had primarily been substitutes. They varied in outside experiences that supported them in the area of teaching.
<b>Interview team:</b>	First Round: Gretchen Geiger, Kelyn Clark, Becca Wenig, Jill Puhlmann-Becker, Nicole Mashock, Jessi Johnson  Second Round: Mary Whitrock, Emmy Jess, Chrissy Damm, Becky Morrin, Jessi Johnson
<b>Number of candidates interviewed:</b>	1
<b>Quality of candidates interviewed:</b>	Our candidate was strong, positive and her teaching practices



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	aligned with the work we are doing at MPQ.
<b>Notes/reference checks on selected candidate.</b>	It is without hesitation that we recommend Karina Nisiewicz for the third grade position at MPQ. Karina comes to us with four years of experience teaching 5th grade in Berlin. She also taught summer school for RASD virtually during COVID. References describe Karina as an invested educator who makes instant connections with students. She is reliable, organized and takes a calm approach to her work. References also noted, Karina is conscientious, collaborative and caring and would be an asset to any team. During the interviews, Karina thoughtfully shared her responses giving examples from her past experience. She has been trained in Responsive Classroom and her adherence to that approach was evident in her answers.