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To Whom It May Concern:

Chelsie Griffiths is a Life Choice teacher at the Greenville Sixth Grade Education Center in Greenville, Texas. Life Choice is a program for emotionally disturbed students. It is a very structured class and the challenges are sometimes unbelievable. These students are not successful in a regular setting so Greenville has adopted this program to help teach classroom readiness and social skills.

Chelsie teaches our middle school section which is actually 4th through 6th grades. This particular age student is challenging enough but given their disabilities, it makes for an even tougher classroom. Chelsie has done an unbelievable job with her students. She has been able to establish procedures and routines with consistent reinforcement to make her students successful. Seventy-five percent of her class passed their particular TAKS test. Her students are being successful on grade level. All of her students but one is assigned to other campuses. Chelsie has been able to communicate with each campus teacher and provide the students with a quality education.

Chelsie was able to culminate her class's social skills instruction by having the students plan and execute a lunch for the teachers and administrators of the 6th Grade campus. The class raised over \$400.00 which will be used to pay for a field trip to the Tyler Zoo later in the semester and help a local needy family.

Chelsie has been an inspiration to the ones she works with daily. She is very dedicated to her students and profession. It is truly a pleasure to see her work with her students. I am continuously amazed at the results that are produced from this high risk classroom.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 903-408-4702.

Sincerely,

David Gish, Principal
Greenville Sixth Grade Education Center