

Monhegan School
P. O. Box 8
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August 10, 2023

RE: Recommendation for Joan Brady

Dear selection committee,

I have known Ms. Brady for several years now. I first met her in her role as School Committee Member and Secretary to that Committee. During those years, I have learned about her many skills and abilities that have shined through her various roles in the community and for the school with students.

Ms. Brady has proven herself as a quality educator and creative artist in her roles as Associate Curator, Online Art Instructor, and Gardener. She brings this same organization, collaboration, life and energy to her work for the School Committee, Monhegan Island Sustainable Community Association, Monhegan Plantation COVID 19 Task Force and other consulting roles.

Ms. Brady's organization skills and supervision of projects, powered by a number of people with part-time roles in these endeavors, have been superb. Her talents have been invaluable to the Monhegan Community and School. While on Monhegan she taught several small art lessons with the Monhegan School PreK-8 teacher. One lesson of particular relevance is one where she presented the history of ceramics made by indigenous tribes in the area around Monhegan and Maine, and touched on the history of ceramics traditions brought to the area by Western European immigrants. After discussion, the students created pinch pots based on the historical references and were fired in a local kiln.

In terms of personal character and professionalism, Ms. Brady has demonstrated the highest qualities.

I have no doubt that she will be a great fit for your organization. We will very much miss her energy and contributions to the school and the community.

If you have any other questions you need feedback about, please email me at supermonhegan@gmail.com. You can also reach me at 207-256-9027 by leaving a voicemail or text to identify yourself regarding this reference.

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Sincerely,



Tonya Arnold
Monhegan School Superintendent