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Dear Chief Mayer-

**Stephanie K. Zendler Ed.S, Principal**



POLICE OFFICER GAIL JASAK  
GAIL - WHAT A GREAT LETTER RECOGNIZING  
YOUR WORK. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO.  
I AM PROUD OF YOUR WORK  
Gary

This evening was an incredible night at the Troy Community Center where the Troy Community Coalition honored some of Troy's incredible kids from our schools and community. One of my Morse students, fourth grader J. \_\_\_\_\_ was recognized as an incredible kid for the improvements that he's made in both behavior and work completion in the last few weeks. As a seasoned principal, and fairly expert behaviorist, I have to admit that prior to Officer Jasak's involvement in J. \_\_\_\_\_ school life, I was at the end of my bag of tricks. It was after a particularly frustrating morning with J. \_\_\_\_\_, that the idea to call Officer Jasak crossed my mind. Officer Jasak arrived and provided the perfect mix of reality (sharing with J. \_\_\_\_\_ that if he continued to destroy the property in the office as he had been, he could get in trouble legally) and encouragement (that she knew he was a good kid, and could make better choices). Officer Jasak formed an immediate bond with J. \_\_\_\_\_, and made an appointment to follow up with him on his progress. The two have connected several times since, and he was beaming both at the nomination and that she was there to see him be honored.

Officer Jasak's influence is strong and positive with J. \_\_\_\_\_, and that is an amazing start for a student who struggles in so many ways. However, it isn't the first time that Officer Jasak has made a strong and positive impact on my building and its students and community. While Officer Jasak certainly "does the job" of the school resource officer, by assisting with crisis drills and supporting the schools in partnership with law enforcement, that's not the most important work that she has done for us. Officer Jasak has been there for the "real" crisis- when our building was in code yellow for over two hours. It was Officer Jasak who coordinated information, calmed nerves and guided us in keeping our kids safe. Officer Jasak has also reached out to us, being proactive about her role in our school. When she learned that we'd opened a Great Start Readiness Program preschool classroom, she approached us to present to our students and offer a police car "tour". She even handled well a terrified four year old that ran from her when he was scared to see in the car! Officer Jasak has already approached my staff and I regarding our summer programming in our Title One summer school, wanting to be sure that we utilize her to support our students and their families during the summer months. Of course we'll be taking her up on the offer to present to our students and even perhaps mentor a book club on a text related to a career in law enforcement!

It's my opinion that all folks who do incredible work deserve to be recognized- and Officer Jasak does incredible work worth recognition. Recognition also goes to you for supporting the school resource officer position and putting a quality officer in the job! Thank you for Officer Jasak and I hope that she, too knows the incredible impact she makes in our school and in our community.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. Stephanie Zendler Ed.S  
Principal Morse Elementary

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie K. Zendler".