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Re: Reference letter for Ms. Laura Bradley, Digital Media Teacher @ Kenilworth Junior High  
for Henry Ford Teacher Innovator Award

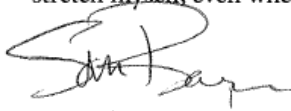
To Whom It May Concern,

I wanted to write and let you know how much I learned in Ms. Bradley's 8th Grade Digital Media Class in the 2013/2014 School Year. It was my most exciting class and I learned a lot.

For our Semester project, my friends and I decided we were going to create an app. Ms. Bradley was excited about our project and encouraged us to do it. We had a basic understanding of how to start but Ms. Bradley gave us all the tools we needed to be successful. As we began learning, using programs like Code Academy, we informed Ms. Bradley of our new found knowledge. Whenever we needed support or a new program, Ms. Bradley was there to guide us and even sometimes learn with us. Using the problem solving skills I learned from Ms. Bradley and this process, I was able to lead a team of 4 students toward one common goal. Ms. Bradley taught me to think outside the box and look deeper and how to learn and understand the materials myself. I learned more in that class than any other class.

With Ms. Bradleys' help, we were able to look at any tutorials we needed to learn coding and she introduced us to and downloaded any programs we needed to help us with our work. We were only supposed to be in the class for one semester, but because the project took so long, Ms. Bradley allowed us to stay in the class another full semester. She even interviewed and filmed us about our project so other students and teachers could see our process.

Ms. Bradley is supportive and creative and helped me to be a better student by encouraging me to stretch myself, even when we came up against obstacles.



Sincerely,

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