

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL**

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Ron King, Architect and Artist In Residence in our middle school for the past two years.

Ron came to our school initially in the spring to discuss ideas for developing a residency in architecture and the design process for our middle school students in Pembroke. With a grant from the N.H. State Council on the Arts matched by one from our parent organization, we were able to create a residency for Ron King to work with students over the course of several weeks.

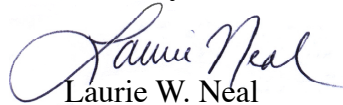
With core groups of students from grades 5-8, Ron created the stage for an incredible process of creating a “hang-out space” in our rather barren school yard. Students brainstormed ideas, developed parameters, designed a space, gathered resources and materials, and put the project together to create an area for kids to gather and enjoy recess and out-of-school time.

Throughout this residency, Ron was exceptionally accommodating to the needs of our school and the needs of individual students. Ron became a fixture in and around our building during the weeks of the residency and students looked forward to their sessions of hands-on activity with him. Ron possesses a natural demeanor with young people. He’s an active listener and easily leads students to get involved in their work and to draw conclusions for themselves.

One of Ron’s strengths is his flexibility with ideas and scheduling. We often relied on weather and resources for the development of the “hang-out” space and Ron gave a great deal of extra time and energy to the process. His creative ideas led us to a great deal of money and time saving strategies. It was clear that while Ron was working with our students on the project, he was involved 100% and it was high priority. His dedication was unfaltering!

It is with great respect and sincere pleasure that I recommend Ron for work with young people in your facility. He will truly enrich their lives. Please contact me at any time if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely



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