



Dear Cooperating Teachers,

On behalf of Grand View University and our student teachers, I would like to thank you for accepting and mentoring our students. The role of the Cooperating Teacher is vital in the success of our students and future teachers. As you all so well know, student teaching and the first year of teaching can be a very intimidating venture. With your help and guidance, you will be able to light the way for great educators to begin impacting students, communities, and our world. Your position of influence has just increased many times over. The experience our student teachers gain while in your classroom, will have your imprint that will eventually impact hundreds of children and families.

Our students are coming to you with the background knowledge of pedagogy but without the practical experience to hone their craft. The student teaching experience is aimed to tie both the practical and theory of teaching into an apprenticeship experience. Our student teachers are eager and ready for your assistance in molding and preparing but they need to also understand that they are guests in your professional world and need to behave in a professional manner that represents Grand View, your school, and you as an educator.

The enclosed material will provide you with more specific information for you and the student teacher. Please review this material and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you again for your willingness to participate in this journey and your commitment to our students.

Sincerely

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