

Excerpt from nomination for  
NKASA Aspiring Administrator Scholarship nomination  
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First and foremost, Kristina Sheehy is an exceptional teacher! She provides engaging, meaningful learning experiences for her 1<sup>st</sup> graders and has established a positive learning environment in which her students are motivated and encouraged to take positive risks in their learning. Mrs. Sheehy has high expectations for her students and for herself. She is constantly reflecting on her teaching and finding new ways to grow. Last year, she earned her National Board Certification.

Mrs. Sheehy has taken on many leadership roles in our school and in the district. She is an active member of the Site-Based Decision Making Council and has led our school's professional development committee for the past two years. This past August, she planned and presented a professional development day for the entire staff which focused on clear learning targets, self-assessment, goal setting, and sharing learning. She has worked on multiple curriculum projects for our district, including writing standards-based units of study and developing common assessments. This year, Mrs. Sheehy has been chosen as a lead first grade teacher in the development of our district's Build Your Own Curriculum program, which will house all of our curriculum and assessments.

Mrs. Sheehy is also a strong leader in working with students' parents and helping them help their children succeed. She started a successful program in our school called "Parents as Partners," in which parents are trained to provide individual interventions for students during the school day. On a larger scale, she "stars" in a monthly segment on Fox 19 News called "Homework Helper." Each month, Mrs. Sheehy chooses a topic, such as math facts, and shares ideas for how parents can work with their child on that particular topic.

I am consistently impressed by Kristina Sheehy's leadership abilities. I am confident that she will be a strong, successful leader throughout her career.