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To Whom It May Concern:

Erin Basgall has asked me to write this letter of recommendation and it is with pleasure that I do so. I have had the opportunity to observe her in front of a classroom and interacting with students and staff as I supervised her student teaching in an English classroom in the Monroe School District during the Winter 2012 semester. She is a knowledgeable, self-evaluative professional.

Erin shows a command of subject matter that is impressive in a new teacher. She is clearly committed to inspiring her students to loving the English as much as she does. She plans thoughtful lessons with high expectations for her students, concentrating on the higher order thinking skills of analysis and synthesis. Rather than simply reading the text and answering the questions, Erin's students are engaged in discussion, writing, debate and collaboration. She strives to meet the needs of all learners through a variety of approaches in each lesson. Her unit plans were extensive and impressive in their detail and originality.

Critiquing one's own work is an important skill for all teachers, and Erin shows that she considers her own performance when teaching in order to improve future lessons. She is willing to recognize weaknesses in her lessons, and works diligently to improve them whenever she can. This ability to evaluate herself will serve her well as she enters a classroom unsupervised, for she will be constantly striving to improve and do better, even without the input of another professional. She sets an excellent example for her students in this regard as she expects a lot from herself, and encourages them to have similar high expectations.

Erin is a dedicated professional. She enjoys planning lessons, and seeing her work come to life as she works with students. I have no doubt that she will be a credit to the teaching profession as she begins her career. She will make an excellent addition to the staff of any school district that is lucky enough to employ her. It is without reservation that I not only recommend her, but encourage you to add this fine teacher to your staff. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions or would like more information.

Sincerely,



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