



## Dexter High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Erin Basgall, my pre-student teacher during the winter of 2011. While Erin's assignment to my class was primarily one of observation, she took the initiative to help students develop their writing and to guide them on some other group assignments. Erin's gentle helpfulness was apparent in one-on-one situations, yet she was firm and in complete control while conducting a review game which can often bring out the competitive, vocal side of many students. For my American Studies class of freshmen, Erin led several lessons related to *The Crucible*. Erin devised and implemented a project that allowed students to creatively use the perspective of the characters in the form of a ballad. This clever assignment exposed students to a unique form of poetry and cultivated what they knew about the play. It is this type of creativity and understanding of students' abilities that will make Erin a superb teacher.

Erin has also been very invested in helping youths in other capacities as well. For the past three years, she has coached Pompon for a variety of ages ranging from middle school to sophomores in high school. She also spent time as part of Eastern Michigan University's Competitive Dance Team for a year. Due to her passion for literature and reading, Erin has also expressed her aspiration to form a book club or another literature based group to help student become more avid readers. She has intentions of continuing with similar activities when she solidifies a permanent teaching job in the near future.

After observing Erin's burgeoning confidence bloom during her time at Dexter High School, I am fully confident that she is more than just prepared for taking on a classroom of her own. If you have any questions about Erin's ability, character, or work ethic, please do not hesitate contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrew Parker