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Larry Larson Middle School
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To Whom It May Concern:

My association with Jessica Askew began this past spring when she taught my 8th grade Language Arts class at Larry Larson Middle School during my maternity leave. Prior to my leave, I met with Jessica to go over her plans for the class, and I was consistently impressed with the content that she presented. She showed a true understanding of the Common Core, and how to present the content to students. It has been a pleasure working with an educator like Jessica, who was continually well-prepared with creative and challenging lessons which captured the attention and imagination of her eighth grade Language Arts students. She is extremely conscientious, reliable, organized, and dedicated. Jessica's attention to detail and professionalism permeate and mold every task she undertakes.

In a short period of time, Jessica developed a sense of who each child was and how they interacted with each other. This has been extremely valuable in planning for a diverse group of learners. Jessica is very good at planning activities and devoting the time necessary to thinking about how the lesson will be implemented. She worked extremely well with our Intervention Specialist in order to plan contingencies for students who may need more challenging tasks, as well as those who might need additional support. Jessica was always open to advice, and consistently sought suggestions and insight from her colleagues.

During this time, Jessica demonstrated extreme professionalism as she not only ran the classroom, but also as she initiated and responded to both parent and student contact through email. Her students were comfortable in coming to her for information and clarification, which shows the mutual respect that is fostered in her classroom.

I highly recommend Jessica Askew for a teaching position in your school. She is a gifted and purposeful educator whose professionalism and creativity are outstanding. She is innovative and shows a deep concern for the the middle school child. She was a true pleasure to work with and I have no doubt that she will make an incredibly strong middle school teacher!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if additional information would be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,



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