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To Whom It May Concern,

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It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Thomas Turner. Thomas (they,them) was a joy to have in my classroom for their duration of a 10-week student teaching placement. Throughout the short span of time, Thomas made great strides as they not only planned and implemented lessons, they participated in professional development meetings and even sat in on department chair meetings. Thomas helped me with various roles in the classroom ranging from assisting with all lessons to maintaining classroom rules and grading. Whatever I needed help with, Thomas was happily and eager to learn as they were very motivated to prepare for their future profession.

While Thomas is sometimes critical of themselves and their abilities, it serves as a catalyst for improvement. Thomas has an "A type" personality. Thomas spent hours working on lesson preparation and went above and beyond my expectations. Thomas had asked me if I wanted them to finish grading even after they were on their next placement. Thomas was so excited to try new materials, play, and experiment with creative ways for meaningful and impactful lessons. We needed help with coverage, we needed lesson examples, we needed help with students transitioning from one class to another, Thomas was there with a smile on their face. Not to mention, always willing to take on new challenges and follow through with the necessary steps to reach their goals.

Teaching is not easy. Frustrating days are frequent. Rewarding days are daily. In order to keep my head where it needs to be, I must remind myself of who I am and why I do what I do. An effective educator must possess certain qualities. Thomas possesses those qualities. They are also empathetic, kind, personable, and intelligent, capable of all tasks presented to them. They put the needs of others before those of their own. That's what a teacher does. There is no doubt in my mind that they will be an asset to any school district that hires them.

I wholeheartedly recommend Thomas and wish them the very best in all future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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