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To Whom It Concerns,

It is my pleasure to recommend Keegan Long for any social studies teaching position he may apply for.

I was Keegan's practicum supervisor the first semester of the 2019/2020 school year. Through my observations of Keegan in the classroom I am convinced that Keegan has the right stuff to be a quality educator.

Keegan has a quiet yet engaging personality that students will be drawn to. During my observations of him it was apparent that he had connected with students. He was able to develop positive relationships and at the same time commanded their respect. This is not easy for student teachers to do.

Keegan worked with a 9th Grade Civics class. In the lessons that he taught, he effectively used the technology available in this one to one classroom to create engaging and thought-provoking lessons and activities that connected with all of the students in the classroom. He demonstrated understanding of pedagogical strategies by efficiently linking standards and objectives to those activities and assessments. And he demonstrated solid subject matter knowledge and a willingness to put in the work required to enhance that knowledge.

In addition, after noticing students struggling with tests, Keegan created a study-skills presentation that was both engaging and informative. His desire and ability to respond constructively to his student's needs says much about the kind of teacher he will be.

Throughout his practicum experience, he sought information that would enhance his effectiveness with his students through observations, research, and conversations with experienced professionals.

My observation is that Keegan is a very caring and empathetic young man who wants to be the best teacher that he can. He has demonstrated an awful lot of "want to" to me, and I think you will agree upon meeting him that he has a lot to offer any school district that employs him.

I would be happy to answer any follow-up questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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