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To Whom It May Concern:

It is an honor to be asked to write a letter of recommendation for a dedicated educator, Kirstin Greig. My professional relationship began with her as her induction mentor and as an instructional math coach at her previous school site, Chaparral Elementary. It was evident within my first interaction with Mrs. Greig that she is an educator that truly modeled reflective teaching and continuous learning.

My coaching role has afforded me many opportunities to work alongside Mrs. Greig as we analyze student understanding from multiple pieces of evidence. Her classroom instruction is data driven as she notices, interprets, and then responds to student needs, both academically and socially. She embraces new ideas founded in current research and adapts and modifies her lessons based on student understanding. Many of our co-teaching lessons have developed from her noticing the details and misconceptions students have with mathematical concepts. She views her role as a teacher as a learner who guides and facilitates student thinking so that building deep conceptual understanding is the foundation of lessons and tasks.

Upon entering Mrs. Greig's classroom, you would notice that it embodies the philosophy that students learn best when they are curious. Her students are given the opportunity to learn in an environment that honors their questions to guide a part of the learning trajectory. Therefore, student engagement runs at a high level in her classroom, as the students are empowered to drive the learning environment. Mrs. Greig conferences with her students and guides them to set personal goals for their own learning. The students in her classroom see it as their classroom and are driven to learn with and from one another.

Mrs. Greig is a reflective and collaborative learner who consistently ponders her practice within herself and her grade level and leadership teams. She actively seeks professional learning, especially in technology integration. My own growth in this area has developed from working with Mrs. Greig. She has mentored me in my development of higher level tasks that redefine the use of technology.

I highly recommend Mrs. Greig for the ISTE Award for Outstanding Young Educator. She is passionate, caring, self-driven and motivated to continue her journey of learning in the best interest of her students. I can be reached at the information given below in the chance that you need further clarification or documentation.

Sincerely,



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