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Dear Hiring Committee,

I am writing to recommend Ms. Kirstin Barnard for a teaching position in your school/district.

Ms. Barnard successfully completed her second student teaching experience while at Linda Vista Elementary School. She spent three months observing, assisting, and teaching in my all day kindergarten class that consisted mostly of English language learners.

Ms. Barnard's warm personality contributed to her excellent rapport with students and other teachers in the classroom. Her knowledge of the subject matter in a variety of areas was impressive. She has a solid foundation in Common Core as well. Ms. Barnard was willing to take suggestions, modify lessons, and experiment with new teaching strategies. She carried out her responsibilities in a responsible and dependable manner.

During the time she spent with me Ms. Barnard took responsibility of the classroom and assumed the duties of planning and teaching. She showed much creativity and enthusiasm and the students responded positively to her lessons. She was able to manage the daily routine and the classroom discipline that related to that successfully.

In my opinion, as a classroom teacher for 27 years who has prepared more than eight student teachers, Ms. Barnard is an excellent candidate for your school. She has initiative, a desire to continue to learn, and a reflective outlook. Along with her command of the subject matter and her effective teaching strategies involving the students, she has the qualities of an excellent teacher. I strongly encourage you to interview and to give serious consideration to Ms. Barnard. She would be an asset to any school district!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Julie Homyak'.

Julie Homyak
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