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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend **Kirstin Barnard** for a multiple subjects teaching position. Kirstin was a student teacher in my fifth grade classroom at Chaparral Elementary from September 2014 – March 2015. Kirstin quickly learned “the Chaparral way of life” to make a smooth transition into our school and into our classroom. She became an important asset to the fifth grade team!

Kirstin is an organized and hardworking individual. She is determined to succeed in any given situation. She spent countless hours of her own time with her co-teaching partner taking notes and coming to school to learn how to take over my classroom. In her University of California, Irvine course work, she also delved deep into the approaching Common Core standards in ELA and Mathematics. Working in language arts, she enhanced and differentiated our novel study of Tuck Everlasting. Also in mathematics, she brought in creativity through imagery and manipulatives to help the students master their conceptual, procedural, and problem solving skills in the area of fractions, proportions, and decimals. To further show her devotion and participation, Kirstin worked with an intervention group of low performing students.

Kirstin is well liked and respected by her students, parents, and peers. She was able to incorporate a firm, but fair discipline plan to help maintain classroom order. Not only did she have good communication with the parents, but also was able to work as a team player with the fifth grade team. Kirstin’s comments and evaluations were factored into the second trimester report card grades.

I strongly recommend Kirstin for any area of public education to which she feels that she could prove an asset. Her personal and professional qualities are well suited for any teaching position.

If you have further questions, you may contact me at (949) 481-6810 or at my school email: jmperry@capousd.org.

Sincerely,

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