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To Whom It May Concern:

From January 22, 2013, through May 8, 2013, I had the extreme pleasure of working with Miss Andrea Shaffer as the cooperating teacher for her student teaching experience. During this short time I witnessed all of the qualities necessary to ensure success in her chosen field. She is every bit a "natural" teacher.

As a student practicing the elements of teaching, Miss Shaffer did a superb job. She possessed a strong knowledge of her subject matter, exhibited confident class control, enthusiastically motivated her students, and was innovative in the creation and presentation of her lessons. As all teachers should be, she is passionate about student learning and the value of a solid education.

On a personal level, Miss Shaffer demonstrated a consistent energetic and optimistic attitude. She was both well-liked and respected by her students and the Grove City Middle School staff. Receptive to suggestions and an excellent listener, Miss Shaffer always displayed an eagerness to learn.

Likewise, Miss Shaffer performed capably in areas outside the classroom. In particular, she worked with me in the planning and preparation of our school newspaper *The Eagle Express*. She also took an active role in our Olweus anti-bullying program. Her Olweus activities were always stimulating and thought-provoking. Furthermore, she attended all faculty, IEP, and team meetings, served as a waitress for our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, and chaperoned the GCMS Valentine's Dance. It was evident that Miss Shaffer sought to experience all aspects of a teacher's school day.

Because she overwhelmingly exhibited these strong professional and personal traits, Miss Shaffer has my highest recommendation. If hired, she would be a credit to any staff, to her profession, and to the students with whom she would have contact. Certainly, there are none finer.

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