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To Whom It May Concern:

I have spent the past two years getting to know Miss Andrea Shaffer as both a student in my classroom and as a student teacher under my supervision. I highly recommend Miss Shaffer for a teaching position in your school district.

Miss Andrea Shaffer is a promising young teacher. She takes great care in her planning. She focuses on strategies that are most likely to engage her students in meaningful big ideas and essential skills. Once she has them interested in the big ideas of the lesson, she guides them toward the objectives successfully. I have observed Miss Shaffer several times, and she had the students all engaged in learning throughout the class period.

Miss Shaffer has been able to maintain an organized, productive environment where students are on task during the entire class period. She assists students who struggle exceptionally well, making sure that she gives all of her students the assistance they need to be successful.

Miss Shaffer builds a rapport with her students by giving them genuine, specific praise and by caring about their lives outside of her classroom. She cares deeply about her students' whole lives, not just their academic progress. Students want to do well for her because she respects them and believes in them. It is clear to the students that Miss Shaffer genuinely enjoys each of her students.

Two things most impress me with Miss Shaffer. First, she has proven to be the most creative teacher of all of my English educators. She thinks long and hard about how to get students' attention and how to get them to fall in love with learning. She also uses her dramatic arts talent to augment her instruction and bring life to literature. Secondly, Miss Shaffer has proven time and again that she knows how to persevere even amid the most challenging obstacles. She worked full time as a manager at Giant Eagle while studying full time at Grove City College. This is rare due to GCC's rigorous coursework. Miss Shaffer also suffered the tragic, unexpected loss of her father during her last semester of classes and right before her student teaching experience. Despite her broken heart, Miss Shaffer did not falter in getting all of her projects done, and she was ready to go for student teaching. We all know that adulthood brings with it many challenging events in our lives, and it is so important that we can carry on as professionals for our students. Miss Shaffer undoubtedly has proven that she can do this.

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I am certain that Miss Andrea Shaffer will be an important asset to your school's English department. You will always be able to count on Miss Shaffer to work hard for your students. You will be blessed to have her on your staff. I would love to have Miss Shaffer teach my own children. Please feel free to contact me to discuss Miss Shaffer's candidacy further. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

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