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To Whom It May Concern,

I highly recommend Kayla Steffens for a teaching position. I work with Kayla as she is obtaining her teaching license and Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Denver's Teacher Education Program. I have had the privilege of observing Kayla in her field placement at Bruce Randolph School in Denver Public Schools. Kayla is in this placement for the 2018-2019 academic school year. This work includes regular lesson preparation, teaching observations, and subsequent reflection and analysis.

Although it is early in her career, Kayla is already a strong teacher. She is relentlessly reflective, so she continues to improve daily. She is also talented academically, and she brings what she learns in her coursework into her instruction immediately. Kayla has been fortunate to train alongside a highly effective Mentor Teacher. She has quickly incorporated many best practices into her own teaching. For example, she has very high expectations for student achievement, promotes academic language, and scaffolds her instruction to ensure every student succeeds.

Kayla has a strong grasp of important pedagogical concepts like backward planning, the assessment cycle, and culturally responsive teaching. Kayla is committed to the academic betterment of all children. She is aware of the limited time teachers have to make an impact on students, and she recognizes that it is essential to design optimal learning opportunities for all students in every subject.

Kayla is professional, punctual, hardworking, and caring. Kayla will make a major positive academic impact on her students. Please feel free to contact me should you have further questions regarding Kayla Steffens potential as a teacher at your school.

Sincerely,

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