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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of having Anne-Marie Oeming as my student teacher at Saline Middle School for the fall 2004 semester. I strongly recommend Anne-Marie Oeming for a teaching position. She proved to be a highly motivated, enthusiastic, and energetic addition to our eighth grade interdisciplinary and core-academic teaching team. She met with four sections of English-8/ Language Arts classes on a blocked flexible schedule where each group met five times per week and rotated sections every 45 days. It was evident from the beginning of the semester that Anne-Marie’s excellent knowledge of language and literature enhanced her effective teaching skills. She consistently used a variety of instructional materials and planned carefully making adaptations for differentiated instruction when needed. She also provided students with a comfortable and organized learning environment. Anne-Marie demonstrated her confidence and assertiveness and is very relaxed and extremely effective in the classroom setting.

Anne-Marie has been a valuable member of our interdisciplinary team and has asserted herself and gained the respect of her students as well as the staff at our school. She is a team player who works cooperatively with the students, parents, and staff. Anne-Marie has a remarkable commitment to helping every student to find academic success. Making herself available for countless hours during lunch and after school so that students could obtain extra help, significantly made an impact on many of our team members. The To Kill A Mockingbird unit that she developed was outstanding and she successfully executed her goals and objectives by using a variety of teaching methods to reach the students’ outcomes. She accommodated a wide variety of learning types and gave individual attention to those who needed it. Many techniques such as whole group discussion, small group situations, and cooperative learning activities were utilized to help students achieve. She has also demonstrated her ability to assess and evaluate students very effectively. Her innovative ideas, creativity, and dedication to careful planning have proven to be some of her greatest strengths. She has involved the students in projects such as time lines, graphs, Collins Writing, journals, testimonial speeches and numerous other applications which offer a variety of ways for students to apply their knowledge.

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Anne-Marie has also shown her dedication to students and the profession by actively participating in team, faculty, English department, and building direction meetings. She has also attended numerous IEP, DEP, and 504 special education assessments, participated in student-led conferences, and has chaperoned an after school dance as well as attended several athletic events. She also assisted as a coach during the fall for the 7th and 8th grade Saline Middle School Track team. She has genuinely displayed an interest in all of the students on our team.

Anne-Marie Oeming is a very poised, thoughtful, and extremely capable educator who will be an asset wherever she is employed. Our students were fortunate to have had an opportunity to learn and grow from her efforts. I also found Anne-Marie to be a pleasure to work with and know she will be an outstanding teacher. If I may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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