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Dear Educator,

Stephanie Scheldt had an incredibly successful yearlong internship in my diverse third grade classroom at Lakeside Elementary School in Muskegon Public. This urban neighborhood school has children from various social, ethnic and economic backgrounds. She has been a valuable member of our third grade team, and has been well liked and respected by my fellow colleagues.

Stephanie maintained a positive learning using the Responsive Classroom. She was firm and clear in her expectations. She focused on the positive when dealing with behavioral issues as well as redirecting when appropriate. She was nurturing and kind, and made a sincere effort to get to know each student and their family. It was evident that she had control of the classroom and her ability to maintain an organized productive learning environment has been superior to most interns.

Stephanie is a very effective teacher. She is well aware of students' academic differences and was successful at using assessment to guide instruction. Formative assessment was used to readjust the lessons while assisting students to reach mastery. She successfully implemented reading workshop, book clubs and hands on math lessons. Within science, she used a variety of engaging teaching techniques through inquiry based lessons. Social studies was integrated within the reading and writing curriculum. She used a variety of engaging and creative techniques such as Thinking Maps, document camera, Youtube, Mimio interactive white board, Discovery Streaming, and a various educational websites.

Stephanie's passion for working with children has been obvious throughout her internship at Lakeside. She is an enthusiastic, dependable, caring person who truly enjoys teaching. It is evident that she will continue to drive herself professionally seeking fresh ideas and methods for the good of her students.

Stephanie has the hallmarks of a seasoned teacher. I am confident that she will make an excellent addition to any staff. The students will be blessed to have such a loving, competent teacher.

You are welcome to contact me if you have any questions regarding Stephanie's qualifications. I can be reached at tnorthui@gmail.com or 231.557.1686.

Sincerely,

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