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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Amanda Fawcett. I have worked closely with Amanda for the academic year as her instructor and cohort leader in student teaching. It is with confidence that I write this letter and hope you will give consideration to Amanda as a member of your faculty.

Amanda is a caring and enthusiastic teacher, committed to student learning. She works to develop lessons that are engaging and challenging for students. Amanda's mastery of content in English, as well as her understanding of student background knowledge, enable her to develop effective lesson plans with clear outcomes for student learning. She scaffolds lessons appropriately, including opportunities for students to be active participans. Her commitment to student learning is evident in her work with the diverse student population at East High School. Amanda consistently worked to connect content to student lives' in meaningful ways, and incorporated strategies to support language development of English Language Learners. As a university student, Amanda has been responsible, thorough, and punctual in both course and field work requirements. Her positive and professional demeanor was evident in her written work and participation in class.

In the past few months, I have witnessed a change in Amanda from learner to teacher. Her development as a professional has been evident in the way she interacts with students and colleagues. Amanda is eager for feedback and collaboration, and sought support from her site teacher, university supervisor and colleagues during student teaching. She is a reflective practitioner and critical thinker who works each day to make her lessons effective.

Thank your for your consideration of Amanda for a teaching position. Her enthusiasm, and dedication will make her an asset to any faculty, and it is with confidence that I recommend her. It has been a pleasure to work with her. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

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