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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend Amanda Fawcett for the position of Language Arts teacher. Amanda has been serving her student teaching under my tutorship, where she is instructing 9, 10, and 12 grades. She has demonstrated many attributes that make her a successful teacher; here are just a few.

Amanda needs to address a wide variety of student abilities: gifted students with high skills and abilities, regular students with average skills, and some with low skills and performance. She addresses and meets these student aptitudes, doing so by adapting her curriculum to fit individual student needs and abilities, and utilizing a wide variety of teaching methods to enrich her lessons: journal and essay writing, note taking, in- and out-of-class reading, analyzing, questioning, various styles of creative writing, teacher/student conferencing, partner work and other forms of collaborative learning, creative art projects, student presentation, videos, and photographs. She knows well the content taught in her Language Arts classes, and has used that rich working knowledge to enrich the usual curriculum.

Because Amanda focuses on and addressed individual abilities and skills, she efficiently assesses student progress and development. She also utilizes a variety of assessments to gather a broad spectrum of data to more accurately gauge student learning, and when she can see that kids aren't "getting it," she reteaches a concept, and provides more opportunity to support student understanding. Additionally, Amanda is largely aware that many of her students are ELL. Her fluency in Spanish sometimes helps to bridge the gap between teacher and student, as well as teacher and parent.

One of Amanda's many strengths is her fearlessness. She quickly incorporates new ideas into her lessons, learned and utilizes the writing program MyAccess with her freshman and sophomore classes, and is planning an off-campus field trip for her ninth graders.

Overall, I have been impressed with Amanda's energy, intelligence, and creativity. She has a solid ability to think extemporaneously and practically. She's also a lot of fun and her affability has won over her students, as evidenced by the kids who like to hang out in her room during lunch time and after classes. Therefore, I am happy to recommend Amanda Fawcett as a Language Arts educator.

Sincerely,

Julie Parkin
Language Arts Teacher