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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Kellin McGinn. She successfully taught in a fourth grade classroom at Challenger Elementary in the Kentwood Public School District for the 2013-2014 school years.

I was Kellin’s Michigan State University Field Instructor and observed her teaching. Kellin’s successful performance is a direct result of her creativity and hard work. I saw an example of this when I observed a science investigation on magnets. Kellin began her lesson with a short video to engage her students. Then she let the students predict and discover objects that attract. Kellin challenged her students to reach their goals by asking them questions to guide their exploration and patiently answered their inquiries. She made learning fun!

Kellin’s likeable manner helped her establish a good rapport with the students. She understood the importance of building strong relationships. Since her students knew she loved and respected them, they followed her instructions. She encouraged her students to do their very best.

Kellin’s approach with her students was friendly, positive and consistent. I observed her holding her students accountable in the classroom and hallway. She gave a warning first and then followed through on the appropriate consequence. Kellin helped them be responsible for their actions. This resulted in high levels of on-task behaviors.

It is with great enthusiasm and without reservations that I highly recommend Kellin as an addition to your school. Her genuine concern for her students and their abilities will truly be an asset. I am honored to be a part of Kellin’s teaching experience. If you have further questions about Kellin, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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