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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of working with Sarah Hundt her senior year in the College of Education at Michigan State University. She was assigned to my second grade classroom from September 2013 to May 2014. Sarah's duties were varied and she was always eager and open to different experiences. She would work one-on-one with students, lead small groups, co-teach with myself, or teach the entire class independently. With each experience Sarah excelled with professionalism and enthusiasm.

Sarah is very committed to the teaching profession. She was one of the few students I have had that went above and beyond her outlined curriculum. She often came in early and stayed late. She found opportunities to come in on times outside of her assigned hours. She also arranged a special activity through her own contacts to provide an experience for not only my class but another colleagues as well. Sarah brought in a special needs dog who walked with the aide of a wheelchair. This activity taught our children to be more empathetic and aware of needs outside of their own world.

Sarah built a true rapport with our students. She provides the structure and boundaries needed. She incorporates fun into her lessons. The students in our class loved and respected her. She knows how to challenge her students academically while having high behavioral expectations on a daily basis.

Sarah's professionalism was of the highest caliber. Her organizational skills were impressive as well as her detailed lesson plans. It was obvious the amount of time and effort that went into her work. Sarah was naturally inquisitive about the profession, the building, and the students. She easily worked with other teachers outside of our classroom and felt comfortable engaging in professional dialogue.

In summary, I highly recommend Sarah Hundt for the teaching position she is seeking. She will be a wonderful addition to any staff. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at the address above as well as <u>jill.kolar@lansingschools.net</u>. My phone number is 517-881-7466.

Sincerely,

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