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To Whom It May Concern:

I highly recommend Mr. Joseph Wright as a candidate for a teaching position. I have worked with Mr. Wright in my position as U.S. History Teacher at Dixon Middle School.

While a student at BYU, Joseph was engaged in various teaching-related positions across our school district, including most recently student teaching in my 8th grade classroom for 4 months. While in my classroom, he completely took charge of the class, and showed proficiency in creating curriculum. Even though I have years of experience as a classroom teacher, I gleaned several new ideas for my own teaching while watching him engage the students. Additionally, he spent several weeks before that assisting and observing not only in my classroom, but also spent several months observing and helping as needed in our Spanish teacher's classroom, while working on his TESOL Spanish Bilingual Minor/Endorsement. Through all these experiences, and especially in my classroom, he has developed and grown as a teacher in many positive ways. For instance, he organized the students into group projects, doing mind map graphing, and quiz bowl for test reviewing. I have no reservations in recommending Mr. Wright as a teacher anywhere.

Mr. Wright has an excellent rapport with people of all ages, especially children. His ability to connect with his students and his talent at teaching simple concepts, as well as more advanced topics, are both truly superior. Additionally, his desire to better himself and his work has allowed him to both offer and accept constructive criticism. He has excellent written and verbal communication skills, is well organized, reliable and computer literate. He has worked well independently and is able to follow through to ensure that the job gets done. He accomplishes these tasks with great initiative and with a very positive attitude, in spite of some very challenging circumstances. In fact, two of the periods that Mr. Wright has been teaching are possibly the worst classes I have ever had (thru my many years of teaching) in terms of discipline and off-task behavior, yet he has been able to engage and help them in many ways.

I recommend Mr. Wright to you without reservation. If you have any further questions with regard to his background or qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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