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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Mr. Brad Zdenek as an excellent candidate for your teaching position.

I have known Brad Zdenek since he came to West Cary in the late 1990s. I was his evaluator in social studies since he started as a novice teacher here. This young man is one of the brightest, most research-oriented teachers I have encountered in over thirty years in education. His intellect, passion for exactitude, and his bottomless curiosity single him out. He has the ability to conduct an extremely effective verbal presentation and to stimulate active inquiry and interest. His technology integration in the classroom was an unequaled enhancement to his lesson preparation. Brad's thirst to get it right and to enrich and to motivate student learning was admirable and communicable both to students and faculty members alike. His love of this field was infectious and he opened the eyes of many of his students in challenging their thought processes. We still use his self-burned CD presentations in our seventh grade social studies classes. In one of my observations I drew attention to the power of his instructional presentation. Brad encouraged his students to be involved, engaged, and responsible for their learning. He showed skills of a master teacher in just his second year of teaching! Brad worked very intensely and always was more than prepared for any task given him. His students enjoyed his outgoing personality and his elevated, subtle sense of humor. He participated with children in school activities such as an assembly on Africa Day which he organized and in after school events in which his students were involved. All obligations were carried out with vigor and resolve.

Brad will excel in his work. I found him honest and straightforward in his approach to his work. His research skills, unquenchable and varied interests, make him an ideal student and teacher. I expect great things of Brad in the future. He has yet touched the surface of his capabilities. Brad left our employ for personal reasons. We were more than satisfied with his work and were sorry to see him go. I am very much interested in Brad's situation and will be happy to provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Christesen