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Dear Sir or Madam:

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I am writing to recommend Michelle Konrardy for your position. I have had the pleasure of being a colleague and also a friend of Michelle's since the beginning of the consolidation of the West Carroll Community School District back in 2005. I know you will receive many excellent applicants for your position, but there are many qualities about Michelle that should make her your top pick.

For starters Michelle is a team player and a collaborator. She has been involved in countless committees district wide. She is continually ready to do whatever work, even awful thankless jobs, if it will help better our school and our district. She is the person you first think of as a go-to if you want to get something done. I have seen her communicate ideas and concepts to adults and colleagues from all walks of life and know her to remain patient and kind with her words, while still getting the job done. This ability made her an obvious choice for our building's union representative. This is a position she takes very seriously and is always organized and prompt with her responses to issues, continually exhibiting a depth of understanding about our contract and school law.

Piggybacking on her position as union representative, Michelle is an amazing leader. I have watched her mentor countless staff members, even before an official mentoring program was in place for our district. She has helped me personally on many occasions. I will be the first to admit that I am a little bit "technology challenged." However, that is seen as a problem in this technology-driven world. This is why I so often rely on Michelle before I would approach our technology staff. She is non-judgmental with her help and will explain things a dozen times if she has to for me to understand. She is so patient and able to deliver the information in a variety of ways that, even though I have never been in her classroom, I can see why she is regarded as one of the best teachers in our building, if not also our district.

On a personal note, I have watched Michelle endure hardships that would land your average person in a mental ward, but not Michelle. Any adversity she has faced in her lifetime has made her that much stronger, more empathetic, more understanding, and an all around better person. You can see a lot on a resume, but you don't see the true character of an applicant. In addition to being one of the smartest people I know, Michelle is the honest, hard-working, giving person that you want on your side. She is quick to lend an ear and quick to jump in and help carry the load, both literally and figuratively. Should you hire Michelle you will never regret it. The loss to our district would be huge, but our loss in this instance would certainly be your gain.

Thank you,

Emily Nuhemaker-Bressler  
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