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## **To Whom It May Concern:**

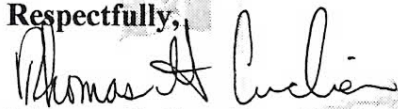
It has been my distinct pleasure to be the cooperating teacher for Michelle Konrardy. I know that my students in biology and environmental science learned a lot from her, and it was quite obvious that they really respected her. Michelle taught with a great deal of enthusiasm, dedicating herself totally to the students' education. She will be an excellent teacher, and a wonderful addition to any school.

Michelle designed and taught a unit on ecosystems. She shared pertinent information regarding the delicate interrelationships that exist in all ecosystems and led them through small group activities in which they explored a variety of locations in detail. In addition, Michelle had each student create a Power Point presentation in which students had the opportunity to share unique discoveries from their respective ecosystems. Michelle was excited about using technology to enhance her instruction, and students of varying ability levels were able to grasp vital information highlighted in the unit.

Michelle's lessons were always designed to include different forms of assessment. She was very aware of the importance of quality work, and she expected students to consistently work to the best of their ability. Students were given the opportunity to do some higher-level thinking as they worked on a variety of activities. Michelle gave a broad range of assignments that met the educational needs of an extremely diverse population of students, and I was impressed with her initiative to create a positive learning environment for all.

Michelle Konrardy is a wonderful teacher, and I give her my highest recommendation.

Respectfully,



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