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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Melissa Moffat. Melissa was a student teacher in Kindergarten and 2nd grade at Guadalupe Charter School during the 2010-2011 school year. Guadalupe Charter School is a public Title I school with a 56% ELL student population. Our school's mission is to teach economically disadvantaged children the vision and skills needed to lead productive, rewarding lives. In order to achieve this mission, teachers who work at our school must be extremely goal driven and must hold their students and themselves to high standards. In addition, members of the teaching staff must work collaboratively and often take on additional responsibilities to meet the needs of students. In the time that I have worked with her, Melissa has clearly shown that she has the ability to thrive in this kind of environment.

As Melissa's Site Teacher, I had the opportunity to observe her teach lessons in all of the content areas. Melissa crafts well organized lessons with clear objectives. She differentiates instruction to engage and excite students in the learning process. She promotes and encourages active student participation during her lessons and also provides students with ample opportunities to work in cooperative groups. Melissa also has effective classroom management skills. She respects the students she works with and maintains a positive tone that creates a culture of caring in the classroom. She develops meaningful relationships with the students and uses this trust to help children reach their full potential.

During our time together, Melissa has been flexible and open to feedback regarding ways she can refine her teaching skills. She is always looking for ways to improve her teaching and is passionate about her work. Melissa is motivated, has the desire, and the potential to succeed in any district or school. She is organized, articulate, and effective. She is a team player and doesn't hesitate to step up and be an advocate for children and education. She is highly qualified and will succeed at whatever she chooses to do. I strongly recommend her for a position at your school. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions about her qualifications.

Sincerely,

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