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## To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Melissa Moffat who is an early Childhood Education candidate in the Department of Family and Consumer Studies in conjunction with the College of Education at the University of Utah. I have had the opportunity of working directly with Melissa as her University Supervisor during her field practicum and full-time student teaching this last year of her licensure program.

Melissa is a confident teacher-candidate. She shows determination and creativity when necessary. On a January visit, the classroom was not available. In order to have a lesson for me to observe, Melissa took a large group into the computer area and conducted a well-organized lesson from a popular book. Her willingness to take the initiative to conduct the lesson under those circumstances proves to me that she shows the potential of becoming an excellent teacher.

Her ability to manage a classroom in order to facilitate learning is one of her strengths. Her approach and techniques gain the attention of her students. Melissa's management skills have grown significantly throughout the year.

Melissa's Site-Teacher's speak well of her. She is cooperative, and believes in sharing. She shows a willingness to help and assist whenever she can. She is conscientious and obviously spends a great deal of time preparing her lessons.

Melissa Moffat is pleasant and friendly and has good rapport with the students and her peers. I believe Melissa will make a fine teacher, especially working with a highly motivated staff. Please give her your consideration.

Sincerely,

Roger Spjute

Field Supervisor

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