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To whom it may concern,

I am happy to recommend Ariel Azevedo as a Teaching Specialist as she begins her credential internship. I have worked closely with Ariel this year as she was the substitute teacher of the same class I was the teacher of record. During that time I observed Ariel's expansive skills used across a multitude of settings, environments and circumstances which includes her ability to remain calm in high stress situations, use creativity in response, and surpass the typical expectation of educators. In many circumstances I was unavailable and knew I could depend on Ariel to handle serious behaviors appropriately, guide and support her paraprofessional team, and support the students in their academic achievements.

I have truly enjoyed working with Ariel as a peer. She shows strength in classroom management strategies, paraprofessional training and support, working under high stress situations, creating and maintaining positive relationships with the families, and management of clerical work associated with this profession. Ariel always goes one step further, above and beyond to make sure her students are held to their abilities, and flourish within her classroom. She is dedicated to her work, and understands the challenges of working with special needs population.

Ariel has shown kindness and respect to every peer and student she comes to know. She is incredibly polite and works well with everyone. Ariel is a well-balanced individual and a strong leader in the classroom who always has the students' best interest in mind, and I know she would make an exceptional addition to any position she applies for.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmly,

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