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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of reference for Meaghan Anderson. I had the privilege of working with Meaghan for two years. Her first year of teaching, she taught directly across the hall from me, and I was continually amazed at her dedication, creativity, and classroom management skills. Meaghan exhibited teaching skills that one would expect from a "veteran" teacher, rather than a novice. In my 22 years of teaching, I have observed many new teachers as well as experienced teachers, and Meaghan is by far one of the best I have ever seen, not only as a new teacher but also in comparison with more experienced teachers.

Meaghan took her job very seriously and was so dedicated. She went the extra mile to plan lessons that kept students engaged and made learning enjoyable for them. Her students were always on task because she had high expectations, and they did not want to disappoint her. She also took an interest in her students' personal lives. Her students respected her and trusted her because they knew she loved them. There were several times that Meaghan was able to help our team work with students and their families because she had developed a bond with them. She was able to help students reach their highest potential in learning because of the relationships she developed with her students and their families.

Meaghan also worked very well with her peers. She wasn't afraid to ask for help if she needed it, and she was more than willing to pitch in and help others. She also reviewed other teachers' materials, so she could provide the most effective lessons for her students. Because of Meaghan's outstanding teaching abilities and her interaction with her peers, she was asked to be the bilingual department chairperson even though there were more experienced teachers in her department. She was diplomatic when dealing with "tough" situations, which also earned her colleagues' respect.

I would have loved for one of my own three children to have been fortunate enough to have had Meaghan for their teacher, and that is the highest compliment I can give! She is mature beyond her years and an awesome person and teacher. Your staff and students will be so fortunate to have Meaghan as a teacher in your building. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 505-599-8612 (school), 505-326-1668 (home), or 505-320-4019 (cell).

Sincerely,

A large, handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Phelps".

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