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I am writing this letter of recommendation for my student teacher, Meaghan Kulesza. Meaghan came to my classroom in January of 2005 from the Fort Lewis College teacher education program. I have been very well pleased with Meaghan's performance.

Meaghan is one of the most responsible, involved, competent student teachers I have had. Her maturity, demeanor and natural rapport with children gives her the authority needed, mixed with the warmth that's desired, to make a first class teacher.

As part of our South America unit, Meaghan transformed our classroom into a rainforest environment, and developed a math lesson in which students "bought" tastes of various rainforest foods. She integrated science, social studies, math, reading and writing very successfully into her unit. Her attention to detail, organizational skills and blending of our curriculum with standards has made all of her lessons interesting to the students. Their eagerness to share what they have been learning and working on in class makes that obvious.

Meaghan has gone above and beyond the call of duty in her capacity as a student teacher. She generously purchased several items of new clothing for needy student, anonymously. She has shared souvenirs of her travel experiences to enhance lessons, during her teaching period as well as mine. She took on responsibilities for after school tutoring. Without prompting from me, she automatically began working with students one-on-one and researched and supplemented lessons well in advance of her teach time. She has utilized any constructive criticism immediately to improve her techniques. When unsure of how to proceed, she promptly asked questions on what to do and incorporated advice into her delivery methods.

I am certain that, given the opportunity, she will exceed your expectations of a new teacher. Please contact me for further recommendation.

Sincerely,

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