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RE: April Anderson

To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the privilege and opportunity of having April Anderson in several classes at Dixie State University. Regardless of the course, April has been an excellent student and has demonstrated key understandings that are needed to be both a highly qualified and a highly effective teacher. Based upon her classroom performance as well as her teaching performance, I can recommend April to you as a Science teacher without *any* hesitation whatsoever.

She has a thorough understanding of her content, but what is more important, she has demonstrated key factors that are essential to an effective teacher. These traits include the following:

- April is trustworthy, respectful, honest, and caring.
- April knows and understands the core curriculum, and is able to design units and lessons that align with the core using a standards-based approach.
- April knows and understands classroom management and has effectively managed young adolescents.
- April knows and understands how to design engaging lessons that stimulate inquiry and allow her students not just to know science, but to *do* science.
- April works collaboratively with others, is willing to learn and accept feedback for improvement, and would be an asset to any PLC school.

April Anderson is an outstanding secondary education candidate and will be a positive addition to your school. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Goldhardt', is written over the typed name.

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