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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my privilege and honor to write a letter of recommendation for Mrs. Brianna D'Alessio. Mrs. D'Alessio was a student teacher in my inclusive first grade classroom during the Spring of 2018. During her months in the classroom she performed the duties of a regular classroom teacher. She developed and taught countless lessons and units surrounding our first grade curriculum and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, used formative and summative assessments to drive her instruction and was reflective in her practice. She also designed and modified curriculum as necessary, continued our behavior management system, as well as, created a new system to motivate our students. Brianna also created individual, remedial and extension activities for daily lessons. Mrs. D'Alessio patricapted in IEP, I&RS meetings, co-planning with special education teachers, attended a Literacy and Math Family Night, and faculty meetings. Her passion and dedication for student achievement and success is noted by all students, parents and colleagues.

Mrs. D'Alessio seamlessly transition into taking over all responsibilities as the classroom teacher. She was able to effectively collaborate with the classroom paraprofessional, co-teachers and myself. Her organization and determination helped to continue a supportive and functional classroom that would meet the needs of all students. She was especially gifted in her methods of presenting information and using real life scenarios to hook the students into her lessons to enhance the students learning environment. She provided the students with an extensive array of knowledge, often exceeding the curriculum. She created a rapport with all of the students that communicated her dedication to education, as well as, a high level of respect for each child. Mrs. D'Alessio naturally encourages children to reach their highest potential in the classroom.

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Mrs. Brianna D'Alessio as a candidate for an elementary, middle school or special education teacher position. Her qualifications and experience would make an excellent addition to your school district. If I can be of further assistance on her behalf, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jennifer Cerwinski

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