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To Whom it May Concern:

Laressa Colasanti is an exceptional beginning teacher. Throughout her internship she has demonstrated excellent organizational skills, and professionalism. Her sincere commitment and her excellent interpersonal skills enabled her to develop excellent relationships with students, parents and staff. She displays a genuine love for teaching and learning. She is soft spoken and is business-like in her approach to classroom instruction, but she maintains a warm and nurturing classroom atmosphere.

Her lessons are characterized by excellent choices of instructional strategies to motivate and engage her students. She plans effectively for large and small group instruction and consistently provides for the individual needs of her students. Laressa is able to adjust her classroom to fit the activity, and always makes certain that directions and procedures are clearly explained to students. She has effectively included various strategies within her classroom including cooperative groups, individual activities, and whole group discussions. Her lessons are very well paced and transitions from one activity to another flow smoothly, with minimal loss of instructional time.

Laressa is a quiet young lady, with infectious enthusiasm for teaching and learning. She sets high standards for herself and her students. She is consistent in her expectations, and utilizes specific praise and positive feedback to students to support desired behavior. She consistently monitors students with her physical presence and supports her students with appropriate responses. She makes excellent use of humor in the classroom, and students respond very well to her. Due to her warmth and enthusiasm her classroom is an excellent learning environment. Students are comfortable asking her questions, and seeking help and guidance.

Laressa Colasanti has the ability to think critically about her teaching, and reflects often about improving her own performance. She is an exciting beginning teacher who has the ability and desire to achieve her objectives. She demonstrates an outstanding level of professional maturity in her understanding of her role as a teacher. Her commitment to student achievement as well as her motivation to excel will make her an asset to any school. I highly recommend her for a teaching position. Please feel free to contact me via telephone at 248-693-1952 (home) or 248-701-5579 (cell) if you have further questions or need additional information.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Rod Cotter'.

Rod Cotter
Supervisor of Student Interns