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## To Whom It may Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Zachary Hansel. I have known and worked closely with Zac for three years and feel fortunate for the time I have spent teaching with him. Zac possesses admirable teaming, teaching, technological and communication skills all which make him an exceptional teacher.

Zac and I each teach language arts and social studies on the same grade level and track. We plan together and create dynamic units for our students. Zac has an open mind and is always ready to adjust and alter our curriculum. Whether it is an idea of mine or his, we join together to create lessons, assessments, units, and summatives to best address the standards and our students' needs. Zac's students are exposed to challenging and relevant curriculum under his teaching style.

Zac is exceptionally skillful in using technology. He does not hesitate to utilize and familiarize himself with the latest tools in order integrate them in his teaching. Zac was a forerunner in the use of Google Drive at our school. He was introduced to the technology and he took off from there. In no time he was not only using the various components of Google drive in his classroom with his students, but he was teaching his peers as well.

Furthermore, Zac is keen at communication. Not only does he communicate well with his students and team members, he also is adept at communicating with parents and the faculty. Zac writes weekly e-mails to the parents of his students as well as calls parents when deemed necessary. Each parent is well informed about his/her child. He also readily engages with the faculty groups during meetings. He is quick to volunteer to share and to offer thoughts and ideas. Zac's communication is beneficial to many.

Zac would be an asset to any organization, and I am happy to give him my wholehearted endorsement.

Sincerely,

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