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To Whom It May Concern:

I proffer this recommendation for Katharine Prendergast from the perspective of having supervised and supported her in a professional/academic capacity for the last two years. Katharine has a particularly strong work ethic, devoting as much time as needed to plan lessons, analyze data, support the school mission, and attend to the wide ranges of needs of individual students.

As a highly organized and enterprising educator, Katharine recognizes the importance of being well prepared for each lesson and shows remarkable ability to integrate reading and writing throughout various content curricula. In addition, her classroom management skills have allowed her to execute her well planned lessons with the facility and outcome of an educator having many more years of experience.

Katharine's emphasis on data-driven approaches to the instructional decision-making process has contributed to her success here at McDonogh 32. Always analyzing data before and after lessons, Katharine has been able to pinpoint and ameliorate student deficiencies. She not only shows a willingness to examine data concerning her students, but she is also passionate about using data to drive instruction in both her classroom and the school as a whole.

Katharine has been a dependable, competent colleague. Often the first to volunteer for tasks, Katharine is someone in our building that I can count on to accept and complete projects of importance in a timely, results-driven manner. As a member of our DIBELS team, Katharine has willingly taken on additional responsibilities to serve our school and students despite the fact that doing so has often resulted in her having less time to drive student success in her own class. While such a situation can potentially result in a teacher's students falling behind, nothing of the sort has occurred with Katharine's students due to the diligence and effort that characterizes her work. As a member of our Instructional Leadership Team, she has shown the willingness and capability to have difficult discussions with colleagues for the betterment of our school community.

While her instructional skills and initiative are outstanding, by far the most impressive aspect of her teaching has been her ability to build relationships with her students, treating them all with respect and care, and exhibiting remarkable facility in serving the academic, social, and emotional needs of children.

Over the course of her two years here at McDonogh 32, Katharine has become an excellent educator through a combination of theoretical and practical experiences, an examination of critical issues in education, the use of educational technology skills, and the gaining of insights necessary for elementary teachers in our diverse society.

In closing, I strongly recommend Katharine for a teaching position. Anyone here at McDonogh #32 can surely attest to Katharine's reputation as a tireless worker and infinitely dependable colleague. I truly can think of only a very small handful of other acquaintances whom I would recommend as assiduously as I do Katharine. She will undoubtedly be a major asset to your school and an outstanding benefit to your community.

Sincerely,
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