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To Whom It May Concern:

Brian Colton was a student teacher in my fourth grade classroom at Alfred Lima Elementary school from January 2019 to May 2019. Our school, set in the inner city, is economically and culturally diverse. He was accepting of all students and treated them fairly.

Brian fully involved himself in all aspects of the school to include attendance at Parent/Teacher conferences and other school events held after school and during evenings. He attended grade level planning meetings and worked well with colleagues as well as myself.

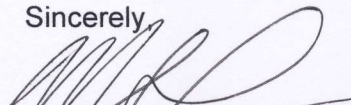
Mr. Colton always prepared lessons according to the curriculum. He taught all content areas including: Engage New York Math and an American Reading Company Unit. Brian also created and modified assignments to meet the ever changing instructional needs of our students. He utilized various instructional methods through which to teach: lecture, Smartboard, board, and ELMO. He taught using different grouping techniques such as whole class, small groups and partnerships. He successfully implemented activities that involved hands-on learning.

Brian was reflective about his teaching. He was always striving to do better and improve his craft. He listened and internalized my ongoing feedback. He incorporated the ideas and suggestions that we discussed. Brian was willing to make modifications to his lessons, management and instructional approaches.

During the student teaching placement, Brian implemented many behavior management techniques, including responsive classroom. He used morning meeting to effectively nurture a positive climate and culture within the classroom. Mr. Colton spent time getting to know each student and worked hard to make genuine connections. In order to address inappropriate classroom behavior, Mr. Colton used a variety of approaches. When one approach proved ineffective, Brian demonstrated the perseverance to attempt a new approach. Mr. Colton, like most novice teachers, learned the importance of consistency when managing student behavior and this proved an invaluable addition to his teaching repertoire.

I believe Brian would be an enthusiastic addition to your school.

Sincerely,



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