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To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend Brian Colton as a candidate for Rhode Island College's graduate studies of Multi Language Learners. In September Brian Colton came to Dr. Martin Luther King as a first year long-term substitute. He was asked to teach in a Special Education /Autism Self-contained classroom having had no prior experience with this population. Three students out of Brian's ten students are multi language learners. He researched information on both English Language learners and special needs, specifically Autism and EL's. Brian was then able to address the unique needs of his students, creating and differentiated and inclusive classroom educational environment. During the school day, Brian is attending and participating in the Department of Justice, Providence School Department initiatives which I am facilitating. They are titled Striving for Equity for our English Learners Sessions 1-22.

He has gathered much information through these sessions and he enthusiastically implements and applies these teaching practices with all his students.

Brian has also learned the Ellevation software platform. He is familiar with the practices, strategies and activities that the site has to offer his students.

Brian is a calm and reflective teacher.

Multi language students in Brian's care are made to feel that can speak either English or Spanish, in many cases using both sets of words to classify colors, numbers and words.

In a short time of six months Brian has made personal connections with all of his students, making a point to embrace his students' differences.

Brian Colton has taken a TESOL class at Rhode Island College this past the fall semester. I feel that this class has ignited his interest in English Language Learners!

Judith McCarthy

English Language Collaborative Coach

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