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To Whom It May Concern:

Miss Danielle DeRoos completed her student teaching in my classroom at Green Garden Elementary in Frankfort, IL, in the Fall 2009 school term. Danielle taught in a self-contained classroom with 19 students. There were two students who received Title 1 reading help.

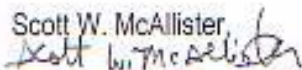
Throughout her student teaching experience, Miss DeRoos demonstrated an appreciation of the diverse learning styles within our classroom. Danielle's appreciation of these styles enabled her to motivate and guide students both academically and socially in a positive learning situation. Danielle's lessons were planned and carried out using various teaching strategies, which included whole class, cooperative groups, and individual instruction. Danielle was willing to try new activities such as incorporating smart boards, and she showed the ability to adapt or adjust her curriculum when needed. The student's work was graded promptly, fairly, and accurately.

Miss DeRoos taught all the core subjects within the classroom. She collaborated with another fourth grade teacher to teach the novels The Secret School and On My Honor. In all subjects, Danielle introduced a number of hands-on activities. She engaged the students in a comprehensive writing unit, which culminated in the students writing their own short story. She helped create our rewards and consequences "interstate" and she developed our job helper bulletin board.

Danielle demonstrated a positive approach to discipline and willingly participated in the classroom "homeworkopoly" reward procedure. She effectively enforced rules and provided students with positive feedback. She had excellent rapport with parents, administrators, and other faculty members.

Miss DeRoos was dependable, and she put in extra effort in and outside of the classroom. Danielle displayed a perceptive understanding of the importance of professional teacher presence, and her enthusiasm, sense of humor, and fairness were key factors in her highly successful student teaching experience. I would recommend Danielle for any teaching position without any hesitation whatsoever.

Sincerely,

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