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Letter of reference for: Erika Johnson

In September 2009, Erika Claire Johnson began a year long internship in my urban classroom. As a twelve year teaching veteran, I have supervised over thirty university students preparing to become elementary educators. Ms. Johnson by far is the best intern I have supervised. Her commitment to students is evident through her willingness to perform above and beyond what is expected in order to help each child reach his or her full potential.

Professionalism, flexibility, and dedication are three words that best describe Ms. Johnson. In my opinion, a professional is someone who continues to learn more about her craft while working with others to insure that best practices are implemented daily in the classroom. Ms. Johnson has demonstrated this ability repeatedly as she shares new ideas and varied perspectives.

My classroom is like many urban classrooms. We struggle daily to find the needed resources for our students. Our fourth grade students are without science and social studies textbooks. Until recently, we did not even have reading materials. Ms. Johnson works with me tirelessly to plan rigorous social studies and science lessons using digital resources and literature. A flexible teacher is one who will not allow a lack of resources to prohibit learning. Her efforts have proven that she is willing and able to take the extra steps necessary to see all students learn.

Finally, her dedication is unlike any I have ever seen in a young person her age. She consistently arrives to work one hour early and often stays two hours beyond the regular school day. When I shared with her my plans of hosting parent workshops in the evenings, she eagerly volunteered to help with the workshops. She understands the importance of developing a relationship with parents. In my estimation, Ms. Johnson would be an excellent addition to your program.

I Ramona Lindsey verify that I am the author of the above letter of recommendation. I understand that school recruiters may call to verify the information contained here. Signed Date: 1/7/2010

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