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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Andrea Kuchta, who has been a teaching colleague of mine for the past few years.

Andrea is an amazing educator who puts forth great energy and effort in order to plan and execute lessons that engage her students and prepare the way for success across the curriculum. Andrea has a wonderful way of explaining concepts in different ways so students are provided with layers of understanding. She really does keep the "whole child" in mind, and does an excellent job of understanding students' backgrounds, and she looks for creative ways to be inclusive and culturally sensitive. I have known her to attend ball games, and other activities that help her stay connected to her students. She ensures that her students have the tools they need for learning, and looks for "clues" as to what brings them joy, what their interests are, and what their learning "language" looks like so that she can help them become successful learners in her classroom.

Beyond the classroom, I know Andrea to be caring and giving and a person who makes things beautiful around her. She cares deeply for her family, and spends time keeping those relationships healthy.

Andrea is also a person who is willing to work hard and go after the things she believes in. She is committed to furthering her education in the future for her own educational advancement and growth.

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Andrea Kuchta for any position she is desiring to secure at this time. She is a team player, and she will bring a wealth of educational knowledge and experience to your district, as well as becoming a great addition to any teaching staff.

If I can be of further assistance, or if you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out. Additional contact information is below.

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