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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am pleased to recommend Brianne Dobson for a teaching position in your district. She has not yet finished her student teaching experience at Granger High School, but I have been impressed with what I have seen her do thus far. She is bright and consistently demonstrates the characteristics good English teachers must have.

Brianne is positive and outgoing, warm and intelligent. She invites students into her world of academics and keeps them engaged and excited to learn. She speaks to them at a level they can understand but at the same time lifts them up to meet academic challenges.

As a student in my English methods courses at UVU, Brianne had a lot of experience writing lesson plans using the Backward Design model. I have seen her transfer my course expectations to her own 10th grade classes. She knows the Utah Core and demonstrates her ability to incorporate those standards into lesson plans that are focused, engaging, relevant, and aligned. Each day she shares her specific learning objective with her students and then directs them in scaffolded learning experiences to help them meet those objectives. Yet she is also flexible, willing and able to adapt her lesson plans mid-stream, so to speak, when something doesn't work as expected.

Brianne is innovative and creative, always on the lookout for new ways to "hook" her students. This is a young teacher who genuinely cares that her students succeed, and she provides a variety of opportunities to help them grasp the key concepts and skills that she wants them to master.

She is easy to work with, readily taking suggestions and incorporating them into her pedagogical repertoire. Her cooperating teacher also speaks highly of her. I have been impressed with her growth thus far, and I do believe that she will be a welcome addition to any English Department.

Sincerely,

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