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Recommendation for Sarah Titus

I am pleased to be writing this recommendation for such a qualified and deserving student, Sarah Titus. She has successfully completed her student teaching, has graduated, and will be receiving her teacher certification for physical education, grades K-12. Having supervised her student teaching experience, I have had the opportunity to observe her teaching at both the elementary and secondary levels.

Sarah's first placement was at Monadnock Regional School with veteran teacher Maureen Kavanagh. In this setting, a rural high school serving 900 students in grades 7-12, she was able to demonstrate effective teaching strategies, to display thorough lesson planning, and to improve her ability to manage student behaviors. Also, Sarah demonstrated effective positive feedback to reinforce on task behaviors and positive social behaviors. She combined feedback with student names, which she quickly learned. Sarah taught units of basketball and volleyball and assisted with speedball, floor hockey and pickleball. Ms. Titus effectively used "Power School" to record daily grades.

Ms. Titus moved to her second placement at Vilas Middle, Sarah Porter and Alstead Primary Schools. Working with veteran teacher, Kevin Hicks, Sarah demonstrated strong teaching skills in all areas: planning, establishing an effective environment, instruction and professional qualities. She was able to set clear expectations, demonstrate skills and give specific corrective feedback with student names. She was particular adept at classroom management and as a result, had few discipline issues. Sarah enthusiastically taught a lacrosse unit for the older students and throwing and catching for the younger students. She also taught lessons in Frisbee, floor hockey and pillow polo. Throughout her teaching, Ms. Titus was concerned with teaching healthy living concepts which she reinforced with two bulletin board displays.

Sarah Titus is ready and prepared to assume a teaching position in physical education. I recommend her without reservation. You will be impressed with Sarah's determination, personal strength and perseverance. Feel free to contact me with specific questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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