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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend Ms. Emma Carella for a teaching position. I supervised Emma as she completed her Student Teaching I assignment at Lafayette Elementary School in Lafayette, California. Emma spent approximately 14 weeks observing, assisting, and teaching in Tina Skuce's first grade classroom. During her placement I had the opportunity to observe Emma teach various lessons in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics.

Prior to her student teaching placement, Emma volunteered in Mrs. Skuce's classroom as an aide, which enabled her to become familiar with the students, the curriculum, as well as classroom procedures and routines. This prior experience was evident throughout her student teaching placement and contributed to Emma's strong rapport with the students and master teacher. Emma's lesson plans are thorough and include the appropriate content standards. She successfully incorporates students' prior knowledge and utilizes a variety of resources and materials to access different learning modalities during instruction including related literature, realia, and anchor charts, to name a few. Throughout the placement Emma was able to successfully implement existing management routines and hold the students accountable to a high standard of behavior.

Emma is proactive about communicating with her colleagues and inquisitive in her effort to grow as a teacher. After each observation, we met to reflect on the lesson and discuss her practice as a whole. She is receptive to suggestions and willing to implement ideas to enhance her teaching. In addition to substituting, over the course of the semester Emma was able to participate in grade level meetings, parent-teacher conferences, and staff development workshops. I am confident she will thrive in her next student teaching placement and be a valuable asset to a teaching staff upon completion of the credential program. I look forward to hearing of her continued success in the teaching profession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erin L. Benisek".

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