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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing a letter of reference for Sarah Miller. I was Ms. Miller's JMU University Supervisor during her graduate practicum from September 2015-December 2015. I have continued to be her Student Teaching Supervisor during the 3rd block from January to March 3rd, 2016.

Ms. Miller is doing an excellent job student teaching. She is creative, compassionate and professional. All of her lessons are well organized, show a thorough understanding of content and are very engaging for her students.

Ms. Miller has a passion for teaching. That passion is evident in the planning and implementation of differentiated learning centers that her 5th grade students rotated through. She plans and manages the centers with a great deal of insight into her student's needs and the objectives she was teaching. In addition to differentiating her lessons, she looks for new ways to assess her students to give them meaningful feedback on their learning

While student teaching, Ms. Miller is always looking for ways to not only improve her teaching but also improve classroom management skills. She has discussed this at length with her cooperating teacher and is learning what techniques work best with her students. She is open to feedback both from her cooperating teacher and from me.

Ms. Miller is professional in every way. She writes excellent plans, has efficient delivery of her lessons, and had a great deal of compassion for her students. I can unequivocally recommend her for a teaching position. She would be a wonderful asset to any school system.

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