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To whom it may concern,

Over the past fourteen weeks, I have had the opportunity to know Miss Anna Wiechmann as a student teacher in a Senior High (tenth grade) setting. During this time, I have observed a determined young teacher who has carefully honed skills that allow her to work constructively both in and outside of the classroom. She is a highly effective and creative teacher who quickly establishes great classroom rapport and productive relationships with students and fellow staff.

For one full quarter, Miss Wiechmann has been organizing, planning and instructing course work, observing instruction when able, and actively participating in department, grade level, and building wide staff development meetings, not to mention the many additional responsibilities that come with being a high school teacher such as communicating with parents and so much more. In working with Anna, I was very impressed with her initiative and level of professionalism, her interest in the subject matter, and her genuine passion and care for student understanding and well being. Aside from this, her approach to classroom management is direct and well accepted by the students.

Most importantly however, I believe Anna has demonstrated her ability to collaborate and be flexible in adapting her lessons to aid in student achievement and understanding. Due to a "Grading for Learning" shift in grading practices in our school, there were many times in her experience when Anna differentiated her unit plans to collaborate more with and reach the students. In terms of performance, I was impressed with her use of technology, and creativity to keep students actively engaged in the material she was teaching. Upon completion of her time here, I can honestly say, Miss Wiechmann was able to constructively articulate what processes and materials worked well and what needed to be adjusted moving forward for the betterment of her students and her instruction. I believe that in doing this, she shows a genuine and conscientious care for her students and her content rigor, and that skill is invaluable in our profession.

In all, I enthusiastically recommend Miss Anna Wiechmann for any 5-12 Teaching position. Many times in her experience, she and I have had some very insightful conversations about various students, her performance, classroom philosophy and plans looking ahead. It is my belief that she has already developed into a fine young teacher who is exceptionally dedicated, and will only continue to improve throughout her future career.

Sincerely,



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