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To Whom It May Concern:

Ms. Julie Zedella is an asset to any school district or corporation. Ms. Zedella's passion for student achievement and data analysis will enable her to excel in a position focused in these areas. I have known Julie for the past four years in differing capacities. I supervised Julie during the 2009-2010 school year while she was in her apprenticeship through The University of Florida's Transition to Teaching EPI Program. She was placed at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary in Jacksonville, Florida for her apprenticeship year. I observed her teaching formally and informally throughout the year as well as taught her University of Florida graduate level courses. Julie is an excellent classroom teacher as well as an excellent student.

After Julie completed the Apprenticeship Program she went on to work in a high-need school in Jacksonville. She worked extended hours due to a grant the school had with the state. Although her workday way long, she still managed to complete her Masters in Technology Leadership. I was fortunate enough to continue working with Julie in a professional development capacity during this time. Julie was a Teacher Fellow Facilitator for the University of Florida. In this role she met with other Teacher Fellow Facilitators around the city and formed a community of practice focused around teacher inquiry/action research. Julie took the knowledge she gained from our district meetings and led her faculty through the inquiry process. Julie's leadership skills and knowledge earned her the respect of her colleagues. She was able to recruit almost half of her faculty to take part in the school-based inquiry group; which met after school on Fridays.

One of Julie's many strengths as an educator is her commitment to continuous learning. No matter what area of education Julie is working in, she is always looking for more resources and more knowledge to inform her teaching and have a positive impact on her student's success. She is a problem solver and a seeker of knowledge. These attributes will allow her to be successful in a wide variety of positions.

Julie builds positive relationships with everyone she is around. Her presence in our University of Florida classes as well as our district Teacher Fellow Facilitator community, greatly contributed to creating a positive group culture. She participates thoughtfully to discussions and is respected by her peers. Julie actively seeks out feedback from colleagues and is reflective in all areas of her work.

Julie Zedella is an excellent candidate for any position she pursues. She is personable, organized, motivated and highly competent. If you have questions about this letter of recommendation, please contact me for further information.

Sincerely,

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