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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to recommend Angeline Hood for a math teaching position. I have been Mrs. Hood's supervisor the last four years. During this time, I have seen Mrs. Hood continue to grow into a wonderful, caring, and dedicated teacher. One of Mrs. Hood's greatest strength as a teacher is that she is a big advocate for all students. She has worked hard to collaborate with parents and students to get all of her students the help they need to be successful in her classroom and in school in general. She opens up her classroom for tutoring or a place for students to hang out during lunch time and works after school in the library to provide academic services in math. She always has a caring ear for all of her students who need a sounding board and attends outside school functions to support her students when she can.

Not only does she have an excellent rapport with her students, she works collaboratively with her math department members. During department meetings, she asks questions and shares some of the instructional strategies that she utilizes in the classroom. An example of this is her formative assessment stop light that allows students to give her quick feedback on how well they understand the content and allows her to work with them individually if students show her that they need more support. Within a professional learning community, Mrs. Hood leads the Algebra content group and is responsible for working with colleagues to write assessments, work on curriculum alignment and scope and sequencing, and lead discussions on instructional practices within the classroom.

Last but not least, Mrs. Hood is a continual learner, herself, to better what she does in the classroom. She is open to feedback and attends instructional conferences to learn a variety of effective research based instructional practices. This winter, she attended the Mathematical Mindset Conference at Stanford University to see the research practices that Jo Boaler shared with teachers. Mrs. Hood came back with ideas of how to implement learning strategies that would allow students opportunities to conceptualize the math content and better understand math concepts at a deeper level.

Mrs. Hood continues to grow as a teacher and with her continual desire to learn, build rapport with students, and collaborate with peers, she will make an excellent teacher in any school setting. If you need more information, please feel free to contact me using the provided contact information below.

Sincerely,

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