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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to be writing this letter of recommendation for Justine Hynes for a teaching position in your district. I was Justine's mentor teacher during her student teaching assignment during the 2010-2011 school year. She completed her student teaching in a second grade classroom under my supervision.

During Justine's student teaching experience, she was highly motivated to learn as much as she could and perform to the best of her abilities. She developed thorough lesson plans and effectively monitored student progress. Justine asked for feedback on a daily basis and applied the suggestions to better her teaching.

Justine has several strengths, but one of her main strengths is her enthusiasm and ability to motivate students. She was always sincerely interested in their progress and presented new material in ways that excited them. She continually used hands-on materials, particularly in math and science, which helped the students grasp the concepts she was teaching. This was very critical because she was not only teaching English students, but also had ELL students in the classroom. Justine consistently displayed creativity in planning her lessons in all subjects. Because of this, the students were motivated to learn. Another one of Justine's strengths is classroom management. She commands respect while teaching and follows through with discipline as needed. Through her experience Justine learned that one of the best ways to manage a classroom is to keep students on-task with work that is interesting and uses various modes of learning. She understood the diverse needs of her students and worked diligently to meet those needs.

In summary, Justine displayed the qualities needed to be a successful teacher. She is dependable, motivated, and very caring. She works well with colleagues and administration and is able to learn from those around her. I highly recommend Justine for a teaching position.

Sincerely,

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