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To Whom It May Concern:

It gives me immense pleasure to write in recommendation of Taylor Fox for a position at your institution. I have taught with Taylor for the past four years and served as her support provider as she worked toward clearing her Single Subject Social Science Teaching Credential through the CTC's Induction program (formerly known as BTSA).

Taylor is a very disciplined and dedicated educator with incredible integrity and a true passion for her students. She is an individual who has a desire to continue learning and growing. She is willing to seek help and ask questions as needed to ensure she fulfills all of her responsibilities in a timely manner. Taylor is an organized and efficient planner who submits grades and paperwork well before due dates.

Taylor is deeply committed to the overall development of each student's academic, social, and emotional development. This is demonstrated by her efforts to establish personal relationships with students immediately; promoting safety and security in the classroom so students feel comfortable to inquire, take risks, make mistakes, and grow. She takes her classroom responsibilities seriously and always has the students' best interest at the forefront of her decisions. I have taught at the same school long enough to work with four different AP History teachers in her current position. I can honestly say I have seen Taylor's students more at ease and confident about their academic endeavors as a result of their experience with her. She empowers her students by helping them set realistic expectations for their school responsibilities. Taylor's sense of humor and fun approach to History brings laughter and joy to a subject that can often be demanding and overwhelming at the AP level.

Taylor goes above and beyond what is asked of a classroom teacher by serving as our school's 7-12 Director of Performing Arts. This commitment reveals Taylor's heart to share her gifts and talents with young people, turning our program into a production fully student-led. I recall her saying by the third performance of this year's Wizard of Oz, she stood in the booth with her headset on, but did not need to say a word because the students ran the show, both on stage and behind the scenes. It takes a special person to be able to juggle multiple roles and responsibilities with incredible grace and balance.

Taylor is an asset to our team and I hope you concur she will be a superb addition to your institution. I thank you for your time considering her for the position.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance. I can be reached directly at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

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