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To Whom It May Concern,

Michelle Marhle was an intern teacher at Eppler Junior High from September 2010 through April 2011. Michelle taught eighth grade history and eighth grade pre-advanced history. She reflected an extremely professional work ethic, was always open and friendly with students/staff, and directed her own parent-teacher conferences while building a positive rapport with parents. She used technology, such as Powerschool, to better communicate with parents and students, had perfect attendance, and attended all voluntary department and staff meetings. She showed her dedication to teaching by assisting the counseling department in administering standardized testing, attending numerous after-school events, assisting with the National Junior Honors Society, and volunteering to home-school a troubled student.

Michelle chose a variety of classroom activities and worked diligently to create activities that would engage the students. Throughout the school year, she identified and embraced a variety of teaching methods that made her an effective teacher. Part of her success is due to the fact that she knew how to interweave past material, personal insights and experiences while embracing the most up-to-date technology available. She frequently evaluated her lessons and made appropriate adjustments to ensure student success and she engaged students in both writing and verbal assignments.

Michelle improved in managing classroom behavior throughout her internship experience. She frequently used positive reinforcement when dealing with students, identified various activities for the students to work on each day, and experimented with cooperative learning assignments to better engage the students. She was sensitive to students' individual struggles and worked with them to help them succeed. She was professional and reliable in preparing lesson plans, grading papers and entering grades in Powerschool so parents/students could receive real-time feedback. Overall, the students responded to Michelle's organization and delivery of lessons in a very positive manner.

Michelle will be a great teacher and an outstanding professional. She has built a strong reputation and has integrated herself as a professional by all Eppler staff members. She has displayed the drive and dedication she has for teaching and has shown integrating herself into the school culture is a priority.

I would recommend Michelle Marhle as a high-school or middle-school Social Studies teacher. The school that hires Michelle will greatly appreciate her drive, dedication to teaching, and overall work ethic.

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