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To Whom It May Concern:

I had the opportunity to have Austin Davenport in my grade six classroom for his Professional Semester I (PSI) from November 16 – December 16, 2015. Throughout that time, Austin displayed many of the qualities of an exemplarity teacher. When it came to planning lessons, Austin put in the time and effort needed to prepare lessons in advance. He ensured he had mastered the content of each lesson in order to assist students with the concepts that were being delivered. This was a wonderful experience to watch Austin develop innovative and engaging projects for the students to learn and become involved in. Austin always took the time needed to prepare extra activities for the students who seemed to excel or those who needed extra help.

The qualities that impressed me the most about Austin was his ability to organize and maintain a well-structured and disciplined class at all times. Austin was able to adapt the appropriate language for the specific level he was teaching. Non-verbally, Austin's presence helped many of his lessons to run smoothly (gestures, expression, eye contact, movement). Austin also handled classroom routines with ease and was able to create and maintain a positive learning environment.

Outside the classroom, Austin took the initiative to make sure he was involved in any extracurricular activities. He took the time to help with the Leadership Team, which helped in building a positive rapport with the students. Austin stepped up to assist within the school whenever he was needed, he volunteered his time to help with, intramurals activities, staff events, school decoration for Christmas, and student supervision for before/afterschool snacks for students in need.

Ultimately, for Austin, the students always came first. Austin's lesson preparation, instruction, classroom management, and overall professionalism embody the many qualities of an exceptional educator. He is already on the way to becoming a confident, prepared, innovated and well-rounded teacher. He had a professional rapport with the students, parents and the other staff members and it was obvious that the students and staff had a great deal of respect for Austin as a teacher.

I would not hesitate to recommend Austin for any teaching position that he chose to apply for.

Sincerely,

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