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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to express my approval of Lauren Cleve to be a candidate for a teaching position. I have been the principal at Magahay Elementary where Lauren has completed her yearlong student teaching placement during the 2009-2010 school year. I also was pleased to observe Lauren as a pre student teacher during the 2007-2008 school year.

During the time that Lauren has been in my building, I have been able to observe a variety of the traits that I look for when hiring a teacher. Lauren has displayed the usual professional characteristics such as being prepared, on time, and appropriately dressed. More noteworthy are the other distinguishing characteristics she possesses.

One such characteristic is the ability to be assigned a task and to have the vision and focus to carry it to completion independently. An example of this is when I hired her to organize and teach an after school program for disadvantaged and at-risk students. She took the initiative to organize the program, used strategic thinking to actualize her plans, and carried out her plans with confidence and persistence. Lauren balanced her personal life, student teaching, and this extra responsibility with natural ease.

Per conversations with her cooperating teacher and my own observations, it is clear that Lauren is passionate about being a life long learner. It was amusing to see the growth in her over the 2 years that she was at Magahay. She is not satisfied with the status quo. Instead she chooses to challenge herself in her delivery of instruction, which is a great benefit to her students.

It is with confidence that I recommend Lauren Cleve for a teaching position.

Sincerely,

Stephen Slancik
Principal, Magahay Elementary School