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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of reference in support of Erica Sanders's application to your school. I have known Erica since November 2010 when she began her teaching placement in my Grade 4 classroom at Lester B. Pearson Public School.

Throughout this time she exhibited leadership qualities, great self discipline, excellent organizational skills, and outstanding initiative and interpersonal skills. Erica established respect and an excellent rapport with my Grade 4 class as well as with all staff members. She had a kind and enthusiastic manner with the students and provided a safe and positive learning environment.

Erica offered ideas and suggestions which could complement and extend the unit or concept which the students were studying. These ideas were greatly appreciated as was her eagerness to lead the activities with the class. I was impressed with her ability to choose appropriate activities which corresponded to expectations of the Ontario Curriculum. I appreciate her participation in the Junior PLC meeting and her input into developing the Grade 4 Teaching-Learning Critical Pathway (T-LCP).

Erica had the opportunity to work with students who have special needs giving them further review and instruction. She was eager to learn and implement a variety of instructional strategies and to familiarize herself with the available assistive technology for these students. Erica paid close attention to the students' interests and prior knowledge when presenting new information. She encouraged them to participate actively and she posed a number of questions that often allowed for students to use higher levels of thinking.

I was pleased with Erica's level of professionalism and commitment to the students. I recommend Erica for any teaching position within your board or school as I am certain she will be an asset to your staff and students.

Sincerely,

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