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To Whom It May Concern:

I highly recommend Ms. Pamela Wolf as a candidate for a teaching position. I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Wolf in my position as Assistant Principal at Issaquah Middle School for three years.

Pam has worked as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade humanities, 7<sup>th</sup> grade humanities, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts teacher at Issaquah Middle School for the past three and a half years. She has willingly given of her time to attend guidance meetings for students, staff meetings, and department meetings and collaboration sessions. Her enthusiasm and philosophy of hard work is ever-present. This is especially evident in the after school activities she has supervised, such as the Humanities Help Club where she tutored students in social studies and language arts, the MSP (Measurement of Student Progress) Boot Camp, which was a program designed to help low income students improve their writing skills in preparation for state testing, and Club 7, a group in which she mentored 8<sup>th</sup> graders who struggled academically.

On numerous occasions, I have witnessed the positive interactions Pam has with her students. It was immediately evident that Pam has a love for the profession and a sincere interest in and concern for the students she works with. She was willing and eager to come up with creative lessons, such as her Create a Polis unit, that prove to be interesting and educationally effective. Furthermore, she spent many hours of her own time with individual students working on reading and writing strategies to help less capable readers. She regularly worked with her students after school to make sure they were able experience success with the rigorous and challenging lessons she presented them.

Pam has approached any and all aspects of the work involved in teaching students with enthusiasm. Her lessons have been thought out and professional. She is always willing to adjust any parts of her lessons she believes could be improved. This year, her collaboration with her team was essential and appreciated. Together, they produced engaging lessons that challenged their students and it is clear that Pam was instrumental in this creative process. Her colleagues love her!

On a practical level, all the assignment, essays and assessments Pam assigns to students are thoroughly graded promptly and returned to the students. She maintains a level of efficiency that is fueled by her obvious work ethic and her professional concern for her students' progress. No time is wasted in her class.

Overall, as Assistant Principal of Issaquah Middle School, I would not hesitate to offer Pam a teaching position in our district were we to have an opening. Wherever she decides to accept a teaching position, I know with all confidence that she will do an outstanding job and become an asset to the school district.

Should you desire further information, please contact me at Issaquah Middle School.

Respectfully submitted,

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