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Dear Educators,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Rachel Lopez. Ms. Lopez has been an exemplary student in the Master of Arts in Teaching program at the University of Nevada, Reno (formerly Sierra Nevada College). At the culmination of her master's program, I functioned as Ms. Lopez's student teaching supervisor and student teaching seminar instructor. I performed six teaching observation evaluations of Ms. Lopez teaching art at Billinghurst Middle School during the fall 2024 semester, and had her every other week in seminar for 16 weeks. During this time, Ms. Lopez stood out as an exceptional student teacher and an overall joy to work with.

The most impressive things I witnessed while observing Ms. Lopez's teaching were her calm, professional demeanor with students and her ability to engage a busy group of middle school students in art projects of differing skill requirements. Ms. Lopez has a strong yet kind teacher voice that keeps students inline and on task. She treats students with individuality and respect and the students reciprocate with well-behaved engagement. Her classroom is surprisingly organized and orderly for the level of student activity.

Ms. Lopez's lesson plans are also well designed and well executed. She is creative, good at pacing, and keeps direct instruction minimized and focuses on facilitating active, student centered learning. She is the kind of person who shows up on-time, well prepared, and with a fantastic can-do attitude.

I am confident that Ms. Lopez is going to have a long and fruitful teaching career—she has the ideal balanced, healthy attitude to be an educator. I would not hesitate to hire her. She possesses strong leadership skills and will be an asset to any educational team.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions regarding Ms. Lopez's qualifications as a teacher.

Sincerely,

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