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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of working with Rebecca Fiorillo this year as her supervisor during her first year of teaching. I would describe Rebecca as a passionate, dedicated, professional young teacher. Evidence that Rebecca truly loves teaching youngsters is supported in the amount of time and energy expended by Rebecca on trying to develop positive connections with her students. Rebecca shows a genuine interest in the well being of her students. In addition, Rebecca has been in constant contact with parents using them as partners in her quest to have her students succeed in her classroom.

Together, Rebecca and I spent countless hours this year targeting important issues that many first year teachers find overwhelming. Rebecca's classroom management has developed into a supportive and preventative process, using corrective methods when deemed necessary. Rebecca is learning to be innovative in tailoring her lesson plans to the abilities of her students to advance their learning.

This year, Rebecca has also proven her technological prowess. She very quickly learned our school's new attendance and grading programs and authored, updated and utilized a teacher-made web page for her students. Rebecca has also successfully integrated the TI-Nspire into a couple of her classroom lessons.

Rebecca is a team player – flexible and patient, cooperative and willing to participate in school events. This year, Rebecca chaperoned the Homecoming dance and the fall play; attended football games and the talent show; attended the winter concert and has agreed to write eleven college recommendation letters. Rebecca also was an active participant in her Professional Learning Committee.

In closing, Rebecca thoroughly enjoys the challenges and rewards of the classroom. She is always seeking new and better methods to teach her students. She works with each individual student making sure that they get the time they need to learn the subject matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further concerns or questions. I can be reached at dpoleway@mahwah.k12.nj.us.

Yours truly,

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