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To Whom It May Concern:

I had the pleasure of supervising Dana Saunders during her first phase of student teaching in the fall of 2013. She taught in a second grade classroom at Shasta Elementary School in Chico, California. Dana was an exceptional student teacher! She was very confident, organized, and responsible.

Dana quickly and easily became an integral member of all planning, teaching and management. She was responsible for teaching the whole class, small groups, and individuals on a daily basis in all areas of our curriculum. She planned and implemented numerous lessons, and assessed the students afterwards. She is aware of individual learning styles, and her lesson plans reflect a variety of activities to meet all students' learning needs. She made herself familiar with the curriculum, and with ways to supplement core programs.

During her placement, I found Dana to be a calm and flexible teacher. She implemented positive management techniques to keep the children's attention. She has excellent communication skills with children, parents, and other staff members. She listens to what children say and is always sure to validate answers, stories or feelings. The children enjoy having her as their teacher.

I truly enjoyed working with Dana Saunders this past semester. I feel she will be a good addition to the teaching profession.

Sincerely,

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