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To Whom It May Concern:

I consider it a privilege to give Miss Abbey Wilson my high recommendation as a new teacher candidate. Miss Wilson is completing her student teaching experience in kindergarten at Bridgeview Elementary School in the Pleasant Valley Community School District. My experience working with Miss Wilson and her teaching partners has been extremely positive. Abbey has demonstrated exemplary levels of proficiency, reflection and collaboration for a beginning teacher throughout her experience in addition to intangible people skills that have led to instantaneously building and maintaining strong relationships with students, parents, teachers and other staff.

I have been impressed with Abbey's positive attitude, collaborative skills, communication, motivation, risk taking, planning, preparation and instructional delivery in the time I have worked with and observed her informally and formally. Recently, we completed a "mock formal observation" where Miss Wilson and I went through the observation portion of our district evaluation process as though Miss Wilson was a new teacher. Miss Wilson showed familiarity and use of content standards and use of standards and knowledge of students to create strong, engaging lessons that were well-paced. Her lesson delivery, strong listening skills, reflective thinking and proficient use of formative assessment were evident throughout the process as well. Miss Wilson has demonstrated preparedness and skillful teaching by meeting a diverse learning group's needs and using classroom resources, including various technologies, in effective ways for rigorous learning. Abbey is reflective of student learning and turns her insights into action in the classroom in subsequent lessons. Since she joined our team initially in her student teaching placement, Miss Wilson has regularly demonstrated lifelong learning traits, flexibility and professionalism at our school. I find it "telling" that as Abbey completes her student teaching placement several of our teachers have approached me to express interest in her serving as a guest teacher in our building as soon as possible.

Based on my experiences working with Abbey to date, I would consider her to be a "future star" in the teaching profession. Feel free to contact me if you have further questions regarding Abbey Wilson's skills and talents as a classroom teacher.

Sincerely,

Tony Hiatt
Bridgeview Elementary Principal