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To Whom It May Concern:

Katie Lorey is a superstar teacher! I was devastated when she shared with me that she was leaving our district. Katie is a thoughtful and caring teacher that goes above and beyond for all students. One of Katie's greatest gifts is her ability to have high expectations for students while providing high supports. She always came up with creative ideas to increase student engagement and did whatever she could to ensure every student was successful.

In addition to excelling in the classroom, Katie is a wonderful colleague. She was loved and respected by our English department. During her time as a teacher in our building, Katie's poised demeanor provided a positive and forward thinking influence in the department. Katie also shined outside of the classroom as she was highly involved with the Student Senate, served in various committees, and was the first to volunteer when we needed a teacher to complete a task.

I would hire Katie Lorey without any hesitation. I actually told her that if she ever needs to return to Michigan, I will make a position for her because she is such a valuable staff member for any administrator to have on their team. Everyone and everything that she is a part of becomes better, because that is just the person Katie is; she is a builder of positivity and greatness.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

Thank you,

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