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LUVERNE MIDDLE - HIGH SCHOOL

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Ryan Johnson, High School Principal

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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Ms. April Wallace has asked for a letter of recommendation and I am delighted to provide one on her behalf. I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Wallace over three years ago and have enjoyed her as a colleague ever since. As a teacher in my department, she demonstrated her skills as a young professional in numerous facets. I interacted with her in several capacities in and around the classroom and from these experiences, I can attest to her promise as an educator.

As a teacher in the classroom, Ms. Wallace is a natural. Her lessons are varied in style that allow kids to learn in multiple ways. Hands on activities, well informed lectures, group projects and discussions, and movement within the classroom are all in her wheelhouse. Students are actively engaged in every instance that I've stopped in her classroom. When we taught the same subject two years ago, she shared her entire portfolio with me and I got to use her resources which was vital as it was the first time I had taught geography.

Ms. Wallace is one of the best coaches on staff at this school. Her volleyball and softball teams adore her approach to coaching and value her knowledge of both sports. She is a supportive adult for these young women who often have many things pulling them in different directions. She not only coaches these adolescents, but also mentors them in hopes of each becoming a better human being. The result is strong relationships where the athletes trust her not just in the year when on the team, but long after as the girls begin to participate in varsity level sports.

The strongest asset Ms. Wallace possesses in her repertoire is her well-rounded personality. Her even keeled nature is incredibly successful with middle school adolescents allowing her to be an effective educator as well as a beloved coach. She develops and maintains the relationships in and out of the classroom which helps students invest in her class as well as team. Her intelligence is plainly obvious to me as a colleague, but she is able to appropriately reach young adults with the content in lessons. Her vast cultural knowledge is essential in her geography discipline and she seeks and successfully makes connections between worldly affairs as well as with students living in the rural Midwest.

Ms. Wallace will complete this institute and bring valuable knowledge to our school and more specifically, our department. As a social studies department, we meet at least once a month to share ideas and rest assured that she will share everything she can with her colleagues. The Holocaust is covered in several curriculums in our department as well as in English, but she will add to our established curriculum and I look forward to sharing everything she's learned and gained with us.

Without question, Ms. Wallace will add to any endeavor she pursues both now and in the future. Adding her to this institute will not only better herself, but also the other attendees chosen as she will bring a wide array of skills and a valuable perspective.

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