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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend Julianne Alexander as a perspective teacher. I had the pleasure of advising Julianne throughout her West Chester University experience. Her passion and dedication for teaching was evident in her course work, field work and extra-curricular activities.

As Julianne's academic advisor, I met with her every semester for the past four years to discuss her academic progress and goals. For these meetings she was prompt and prepared to discuss the courses she planned to take, and was ready with questions about future preparation. We discussed her course work, and through those conversations her joy for learning and opportunities to implement her content and pedagogical knowledge through field experiences.

In addition to advising, I had to pleasure of hosting Julianne in one of my courses. In the course *Teaching Social Studies and Health in the Early Grades*, Julianne demonstrated understanding of social studies and health content and methods through the construction of a unit plan. She collaborated with a team to create an interactive and interdisciplinary unit on Citizenship. For the unit she created two lessons that had elementary students reflecting on what it means to be a citizen, and historical figures who challenged society as a way to move our community forward. She integrated other disciplines to make her lessons interdisciplinary. Her contributions to the unit plan demonstrated a high level of content and pedagogical knowledge across multiple disciplines.

As Julianne's academic advisor, I observed someone with the professional qualities needed to work with children, parents, teachers and school administrators. I highly recommend Julianne Alexander to your school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jacqueline G. Van Schooneveld'.

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