Tecumseh High School

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To Whom it May Concern,

I have had the immense pleasure of getting to work with Chandler Brown for the last few months during her student-teacher experience at Tecumseh High School. To put it simply, she has proven to be one of the most prepared new teachers I have seen in a long time. We are implementing a new learning model at the 9th grade level that involves customized learning, projected based learning, standards based grading, and more. We are usually hesitant of a new teacher heading into this structure due to their lack of experience, but Chandler dove in head first. Our model relies heavily on a teaming approach with not only the students, but the teachers as well. It took her no time at all to find a role within this team and she quickly developed leadership responsibilities too. This learning model takes trust to achieve the level of collaboration needed to see true learner success. Within these short few months Chandler has earned the trust of not only myself, but the entire freshman team of teachers. This teaming approach required her to work with teachers from every subject area, which has given her a broader perspective of education. Sharing her ideas and listening to views from multiple perspectives has allowed her to grow more completely. She has shown advanced skills in lesson planning/structure, proactive classroom management, parent communication, technology, and more. I have had the opportunity to observe her on several occasions and she has created an effective learning environment everytime. Even with this success, she is very reflective of her own practices and always open to new ideas and criticisms. During this journey she has also reached out to other teachers on the team and has received a chance to learn from them and teach in their classes as well. I wish we had a open position for Chandler, as I know our team will not be as strong without her. I not only highly recommend that you hire Chandler as a part of your education team, but you provide her with other opportunities in which she can have a further positive impact in your school. Thank you for your consideration of such a worthy candidate and I encourage that you reach out to me so I can get the opportunity to speak to you further.

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