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To Whom It May Concern:

During the fall semester of the 2025-2026 school year it was my pleasure to have Sophia Spano work with a special educator in my 6th grade ELA class for her student teaching experience. As she completed her student teaching experience she demonstrated a sense of lesson coherence through using appropriate instructional language and instructional effectiveness. She willingly co-taught the entire class as she jumped in teaching the warm up at the start of each class. In addition, she effectively worked with small groups within the classroom setting as the students completed their reading and writing assignments. She also introduced creative ideas as she helped to accommodate and modify grade level instructional materials to support the individual needs of her special education students. She is a curious and inquisitive individual who asked the additional question of why the components she was studying were important and how they were incorporated into daily activities.

One of her greatest strengths is her ability to connect with the students. Working in a middle school with approximately 80 students, she quickly learned their names, identified something wonderful about each student, and identified those with needs. She created personal relationships with each student and they all truly enjoyed working with her, oftentimes requesting her services.

Even as a student teacher, Sophia created valuable relationships and connections with the other staff on the 6th grade team. She quickly became a colleague who collaborated with each of us to better understand the subject matter and to identify the best way to meet the needs of her students. I recommend Sophia without reservation for a position

as a teacher in your educational community. She is an exceptional new teacher who will prove to be an asset to your school. For further information, or if you have any questions, I encourage you to email me at ccorr@mpsri.net

Sincerely,
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