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To whom it may concern:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Teresa Cowan for the past 30 years in many capacities: fellow educator, a volunteer in my classroom, and a friend. I speak very highly of Teresa's passion for education, reaching the hearts and mind of children, her attention to detail and organizational skills and lastly her personal belief for individuals to be lifelong learners.

Teresa graduated in the 1990's in elementary education with a specialization in ESL. In the mid 2000's, she created a "home-school area complete with a reading library, easel, manipulatives and table/chairs for her two daughters. Later Teresa would volunteer in my grade two classroom (St. Boniface Catholic School) to reinforce reading skills with individuals. Her passion for the students reflected in her ESL and early literacy pedagogy. Teresa was given an assignment to complete with her students and it was completed exemplarily.

As her daughters grew older, her passion and need for teaching in the classroom grew louder and louder. Teresa is a born teacher with skills and attitudes that can not be taught. She is full of passion to meet individual's needs. Her organizational skills and attention to detail are amazing. Teresa can research a problem, exploring many resources: people/articles/books, until she has synthesized a viable solution.

I would highly recommend Teresa Cowan for any position involving educating children and I look forward to the day that I can hire her for a position as an educator, her true vocation.

Sincerely,

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