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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Amy Swanson. I worked with Amy for several years at Hodgkins Elementary in Westminster Public School District. We were teammates on the kindergarten team. While instructing kindergarten, Amy proved to be a outstanding teammate and educator.

As a teammate, Amy is generous, thoughtful, and hard-working. During our planning sessions, Amy always contributed fun and exciting learning ideas that would engage the students in meaningful learning. She would also go above and beyond to make her teammates feel valued. On one occasion, when we were sharing kids through a departmentalization model, Amy had the students make me a thumbprint vase with a bouquet of handprint flowers. It was adorable. Finally, Amy would always share the work that our team needed to accomplish. On occasion, when we had brand-new teachers on our team, Amy would do all she could to help minimize the workload for them so they could focus on student success.

Amy is also an exemplary educator. She creates opportunities for students to work together in cooperative learning groups where students are encouraged to use higher level thinking skills. Based on achievement data from various assessments, it is clear that Amy chooses appropriate small group instruction, selects engaging resources, and delivers quality lessons. Amy has demonstrated that she knows her students well. In response, she plans detailed instruction that meets the individual needs of diverse learners. When we shared students, it was easy to see the quality of instruction she was providing as I saw the students using their math, science, and social studies learning during their literacy time with me. This shows that they were mastering the material she taught and were using it in new ways in new environments.

Amy made such a great contribution to her school, team, and students in the past; and I am pleased to know that she is seeking to get back into education. She will be a great addition to any school staff.

Sincerely,

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