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To Whom It May Concern:

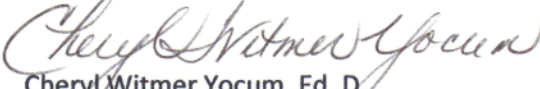
I have had the pleasure of working with Jenna Schussler as her student teaching supervisor for the past semester. During that time I have observed Jenna teach fifth graders at Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary, Kutztown School District, and special education life skills students at Oley Valley Middle School, both in Berks County, Pennsylvania. I have observed Jenna teach multiple times in each setting.

While teaching fifth grade, Jenna demonstrated the ability to create and implement well-structured, logically sequenced lessons in math, social studies, and reading. She built good relationships with her students and gained valuable experience in classroom management.

Building on this experience, Jenna entered her second placement, a life skills class of two early adolescent male students with varying degrees of cerebral palsy: one possessed verbal and very basic reading skills; the other was nonverbal. Without hesitancy, Jenna began taking over the varied teaching duties for these two boys. She accompanied the one boy to classes in which he was mainstreamed and assisted him with his adapted lessons. She demonstrated infinite patience with and caring for both students, believing that each could learn and make progress. She learned to read their behaviors and know how to adjust instruction to obtain good performances from them. By the end of her second placement, she was capable of assuming both the management and the instruction in the life skills classroom.

Jenna Schussler brings energy, enthusiasm, love of students, and skillful use of instructional strategies to her students. She is highly professional and cultivates positive relationships with faculty members and classroom aides as well. I highly recommend her to you. If I can be of further assistance, please call me at 610-927-9953.

Sincerely,


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