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To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to recommend Ms. Evan Williams for a classroom teaching position at your school. Recently, I was her instructor for a masters-level course that dealt with reading theory, diagnosis, and instructional strategies most reflective of best practice. I was impressed with Evan's competence, dependability, and professionalism.

I have been a teacher educator for a number of years, and currently serve as an Associate Professor at the University of Pittsburgh. In various capacities, I have worked with a number of very fine teaching professionals. Evan's impressive commitment and dedication to education and to the field of reading in particular stand out among the rest.

Although I have not witnessed Evan's teaching first hand, I am confident that her superior academic knowledge, writing skills, and passion for learning and teaching will serve her well. I have supervised her tutoring and assessing of a small group of children for an assignment in my class. She demonstrated exceptional talent with the instructional planning and data analysis required of her for this task. Evan is extremely thorough, inquisitive, and has proven her continued commitment to her own professional growth in education, particularly in the field of reading, as she is currently completing graduate course work at the University of Pittsburgh. In all her classes, she continues to fulfill course work assignments in an outstanding manner and is eager to begin her career as a teaching professional.

Therefore, I would strongly urge you to consider Ms. Williams for a position in your school. She would be a fine asset to any district and reading program in particular.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca L. Hamilton".

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