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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I am able to write to you about my colleague Ruth Canji. Ruth has been our building substitute teacher at Orrington School this year and she effortlessly became a beloved part of our staff and community. Ruth has developed many warm, positive relationships with teachers, parents and students. We all appreciate her dedication, intellect and compassion towards teaching. She is always ready and willing to talk about the social, emotional and academic needs of the students with other colleagues. Her insights are thoughtful and smart. She is a fabulous team player and enjoys collaborating with other teachers.

When I was out sick with the flu this winter Ruth was the teacher in my kindergarten classroom for an entire week. Luckily I didn't have to worry about my class at all since I knew that Ruth was teaching them. I felt confident about her abilities the entire time I was out and upon my return the children were sharing how much they enjoyed having Ms. Canji. Similarly the parents of my students mentioned to me how wonderful they thought Ms. Canji was as well. To me, that is a sign of a fabulous teacher. It's not easy to make such a positive impression as a substitute teacher but Ruth did so flawlessly.

As a colleague of Ruth's I can honestly say that the strength that I see the most in her is her ability to work and collaborate with other teachers. She and I spend a lot of our time talking about the students in our school and how to best serve them. She will often give me advice on how to meet the needs of a particular student or problem solve a situation that may feel sticky to me. Ruth possesses this great ability to look at children from many different lenses and her intuition about students is often extremely accurate.

I recommend Ruth highly and without reservation. She is an extremely responsible, intelligent teacher whom you would be pleased to have as a part of your team.

Sincerely,

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