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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to strongly recommend Lee Er Sharp as a teacher for the Ephrata School District.

My name is Ali Mantese, a kindergarten teacher at Columbia Ridge Elementary. I have 9 years of experience working in the Ephrata School District and have seen many professionals come and go. Lee Er is one individual I have worked with who uniquely stands out.

During our time together, Lee Er worked as a paraprofessional in kindergarten and first grade. She displayed great talents in leadership, responsibility, professionalism, and punctuality. When we first met, I was immediately drawn to her sense of humor and willingness to help wherever needed.

During the time I worked with Lee Er at Grant Elementary, there were many things I was impressed with as an employee. Lee Er rarely missed any days of school and always dressed professionally and took great care of herself. She came to school ready to "jump in" wherever she was needed. While on recess duty with Lee Er she was very aware of the kids surroundings and knew what kid needed what and constantly was scanning the playground making sure kids were being safe. During one particular day, Lee Er noticed a child unresponsive on the playground and had to perform CPR on him, saving his life. She didn't hesitate for a second and knew what to do immediately when she saw the child on the ground.

Lee Er was also a joy to work with because of her positive attitude and leadership skills. Our admin at Grant always came to Lee er for support because she always was willing to help in any area of the school, whether it was working one-on-one with a student, subbing for another teacher or para, or jumping into a role that was new to her. She also encouraged kids to be leaders as well and to believe in themselves. The students all loved Mrs. Sharp and always ran up to give her hugs at school.

I am confident that Lee Er would be a great fit for Ephrata School District. Not only will she bring the kind of skills and experiences you're looking for in an applicant, but she will also quickly become an asset and help your district grow in any way possible. It was such a pleasure working with Lee Er for the time I did and her positivity influenced me to become a better teacher.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (509) 496-4085. I would be delighted to elaborate further on my time working with Lee Er.

Sincerely,

Ali Mantese, Columbia Ridge Elementary, Kindergarten Teacher

