Dear Sir or Madam:

With full assurance, I support the hiring of Ms. Jessica Kelley as an elementary school teacher. During my seventh year as an elementary teacher, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Ms. Kelley at George C. Round Elementary School in Manassas City, Virginia. Our 4th grade team looks to Ms. Kelley for keen problem solving within the support of her innumerable strengths.

Transitioning to virtual and concurrent instruction this year, Ms. Kelley's technological literacy, aptitude, and application exposed her as an immense asset. Administration recognized these strengths and Ms. Kelley presented her own strategies for application of division wide technologies and tools to coach colleagues of various experience levels during staff meetings. Ms. Kelley supports coworkers well beyond implementation with her leadership skills. She enhances her colleagues' utilization of division wide tools. Ms. Kelley supports beyond the grade level in her areas of expertise, namely blending learning platforms and programs for student engagement and accessibility on the learning management system.

Revealing effortless poise and sophistication, Ms. Kelley exhibits the instructional management of a veteran educator. She models and maintains organized, engaging, and consistent routines for her students. Perhaps Ms. Kelley's admirable work ethic was shaped by working on her family's farm in childhood; she is no stranger to hard work and self-discipline. Well respected and consistent, Ms. Kelley is an ideal teammate and collaborator.

In addition, Ms. Kelley took the initiative to establish consistent collaboration with our school's literacy and math coaches. During individual planning time once a week, Ms. Kelley works alongside each coach to create slideshows, interactive notebooks, informal assessments, and projects within each content area to contribute to the grade level team. With our school's math coach, Ms. Kelley also co-teaches using the parallel teaching model. On her own accord, Ms. Kelley dedicates her time and energy to maintain the highest quality and meaningful collaboration, strengthening her craft and experience.

Recognizing the multitude of natural strengths with which Ms. Kelley teaches, she is an incredible candidate for an elementary teacher position. I am confident in saying she will be a tremendous asset to any school community. Please contact me anytime by using my contact information found at the closing.

Sincerely,

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