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To whom it may concern,

I have had the privilege of working with Jessica Kelley for the past two years at George C. Round Elementary School in Manassas, Virginia. I have been super impressed with her ability to overcome obstacles as her teaching career has been constantly impacted by the issues surrounding Covid-19 in our school community. I highly recommend her for the position that she has applied for and I am confident that she will be an asset to your school.

Jessica is highly skilled with technology and she has been a leader during distance learning. She is always willing to help others and explains issues easily, giving confidence to teachers and staff needing help transferring teaching activities to the virtual world. She has been actively involved in committees and volunteers her time to help with our morning broadcast and student council association to name a few. I have seen her come in early and stay late to help with school events, community activities, and work on lesson plans for herself and others.

I have taught fourth grade here at Round Elementary School for 23 years and we have all benefited from having her as part of our staff. I have rarely seen anyone have so much natural ability as a teacher so early in their career. As a former college softball player, she has confidence and determination that are a part of her teaching style. She is very flexible which is always important as a teacher, and she sets high expectations for herself and her students. It has been both a privilege and an honor to have worked with her these past two years. I admire her teaching skill and how quickly she has learned the curriculum. She has great control in her classroom, using positive motivation along with structure to help her students reach their goals. Her lessons are creative and engaging.

Please contact me at 703.499.8007 if you have any questions that I can answer. I am happy to talk with you further about Jessica's amazing attributes as a teacher, person, and friend. She really is a superstar teacher!

Sincerely,

Cathi Evans