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I have served as Kendal Reynolds mentor teacher as department head the past two years at Union Middle School (UMS). During this time I have seen firsthand her exceptional leadership skills, ingenious instructional strategies, and outstanding pedagogy and assessment. UMS has several amazing teachers, but Kendal Reynolds is without doubt one of the best teachers I have ever known. On top of being an amazing educator, Kendal is the best person anyone could ever ask to collaborate with.

Kendal is a natural leader. After only being at UMS for only one year she took on the responsibility of the heading up the school community committee which plays an invaluable role of creating a positive school climate. Because of her thoughtful personality and drive for excellence she has successfully implemented improved ideas, carefully delegated responsibilities based off of team members strengths, and has successfully created an improved social community among teachers. Kendal also started up the set club. She took the initiative to advise a group of about 15 students in order to design and paint the sets for the theater program at our school. She selflessly volunteered several Saturdays and countless weekdays afterschool to help make some of the most amazing theater sets you have ever seen!

During her first year at Union Middle School I expected to see her struggle—that would be normal. Luckily Kendal is not normal—she is exceptional! She works hard but has the natural ability to create creative, engaging, and challenging curriculum quickly and effectively. I don't think there is any art related subject that she could not teach with precision. She uses her ability to teach and create curriculum to reach all students. On a regular basis she teaches more than 35 students per class. In these classes it is common to see 4 to 5 students with special needs and 4-5 protégés. Somehow she is able to push everyone to their max. She has perfected fun and rigor all in the same class.

In perfect confidence it is my privilege to recommend Kendal Reynolds. She is one of the best educators you will ever find. If you have any questions in regards to her qualifications as a professional educator please contact me.

Sincerely,

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