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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Melissa Wilson for a position in your school district. Through my job as a University Mentor for Bowling Green State University, I have been able to observe and evaluate Ms. Wilson during her methods and student teaching at McPherson Middle School in a 7-8 grade Intervention Classroom.

From the first observation during her methods assignment, Ms. Wilson demonstrated advanced skills in many areas of teaching. She consistently has a comfortable rapport with the students, engaging each of them in her lessons and offering frequent and genuine praise. Classroom management and positive behaviors are promoted through consistent reinforcement of routines. Ms. Wilson has knowledge of the students' individual needs and challenges and sets attainable goals, creating an atmosphere where students are motivated and gain confidence in their abilities. Ms. Wilson varies instructional presentations with visual, auditory, and hands-on activities to reach all students. During the lessons, there is clear evidence of differentiated materials and activities. For example, Ms. Wilson has incorporated guided notes, graphic organizers, strategy reminders, technology, and has the ability to target and reinforce multiple skills and goals during a lesson. To effectively plan, Ms. Wilson collects assessment data and uses the information to focus lessons and activities on increasing student learning.

While student teaching, Ms. Wilson has demonstrated professionalism and involvement. Her collaboration and communication have extended beyond the intervention classroom to working with general education teachers to plan lessons and to gather information for IEP writing purposes and progress monitoring. In this setting, Ms. Wilson has dedicated time to work with various colleagues to plan instruction for resource room teaching, inclusion settings, and intervention lessons.

I highly recommend Ms. Wilson for a position within your school district. Ms. Wilson stands out with her clear focus on students. She is a dedicated, responsible teacher with advanced skills, who has a true joy for her students and for the teaching profession. Ms. Wilson would be an asset to your district and to your community.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me through email at [milltam@bgsu.edu](mailto:milltam@bgsu.edu) or at 419-680-5788.

Sincerely,

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