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To Whom it May Concern:

RE: Karina Strong

I am pleased to provide this statement of support to Karina Strong.

In the fall of 2016, I had the pleasure of being Karina's sponsor teacher during her 6-week (and final) practicum. During this time, Ms Strong's grade 4 units and lessons were well organized, demonstrated thoughtful planning and followed logical progressions. I would describe her lessons as energetic, creative and even inspired. Ms Strong is enthusiastic about the craft of teaching and I observed this enthusiasm being passed directly onto the learners in her charge. Ms Strong's lesson delivery is polished. She is at ease with children, able to "change gears" when required without becoming flummoxed and further, demonstrated a unique ability to engage learners with dynamic demonstrations and creative object lessons. She is a confident and gifted presenter. She is skilled in applying technological aids in the classroom—not as mere entertainment, but thoughtfully using technology to drive home learning and accentuate big ideas.

Ms Strong is a hard worker. She understands the need for work/life balance and has the ability and stamina to give her best to the classroom even when the demands of life become somewhat overbearing. She has many special gifts that speak directly to the craft of teaching and I believe she has the potential to become a sought-after on-call teacher and eventually a highly able and admired contract teacher.

I am confident that Ms Strong will make valuable contributions to the teaching profession and I highly recommend her as a teaching candidate. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Regards,

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