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To Whom It May Concern:

I am, with great pleasure, writing this letter of recommendation for Heather Turner. I have known Heather for two years in her capacity as a teacher librarian for Smith Road Elementary School in the North Syracuse School District. It is very unfortunate for all of us here that we will be losing Heather due to budgetary concerns. Her talents will be impossible to replace.

When she first came to Smith Road School it was evident she is clearly an outstanding new type of librarian who is extremely helpful to all of her colleagues. She continually offers professional development opportunities to assist us in further developing our own technology skills in addition to those of our students. She has brought all of us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond into the vast and multifaceted world of technology. We have experienced virtual field trips to Texas, Florida, our local libraries, and libraries within our district. Students have learned to communicate with "epals," replacing traditional "snail mail pals" and have created movies (biographies, animals, and Dr. Seuss) becoming directors showcasing their excellent creativity and research skills. We created these projects collaboratively offering students the newest technological tools enhancing the current framework of our curriculum.

Heather has organized four Scholastic Book Fairs and a school-wide read-a-thon in order to promote the value of literacy and create a love of learning through reading.

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