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SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES

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Dear Sir or Madame:

This letter is sent to provide my assessment of Heather Turner, an applicant for the position of School Library Media Specialist. I have interacted with Heather both as her academic advisor and instructor. In doing so, I have had the opportunity to witness Heather's high academic and intellectual drive and can attest to her promise as a future School Library Media Specialist.

Heather's exemplary academic record shows that she was a diligent student throughout our rigorous School Media program. With respect to her work in my class, she has submitted very high quality assignments that demonstrate her understanding of current and emerging issues in the realm of School Librarianship.

As her faculty supervisor during completion of her practicum experiences, I have had the opportunity to witness Heather's interactions with students in the library. She is extremely dedicated to and enjoys working with students individually and in whole class settings. Further, she has an innate ability to construct and implement creative lessons that fully engage students in the learning process.

Heather is committed to collaborating with teachers across subject areas. In fact, part of her service philosophy is that collaboration is a necessary ingredient for a successful School Media program. Heather is gifted with an exceptional combination of creativity, intellect, and a vibrant personality that will encourage others in the school community to seek her out to work with.

As a former practitioner and current faculty with a research interest in School Library Media issues, I am aware of the ever-changing nature of education in general and school libraries specifically. Heather has demonstrated that she has both the professional competence and sheer motivation to stay abreast of (likely even *ahead* of) and welcome innovations within the field.

I know Heather Turner to be a sincere and focused individual with a multitude of personal and professional qualities and intellectual assets. The combination of these traits will allow her to be a dynamic addition to a school community in the capacity of a School Library Media Specialist. I consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to provide this letter of support for her. Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information via the phone number, physical address, or email address included below.

Sincerely,



Renee E. Franklin, Ph.D.