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To whom it may concern:

This letter provides me the opportunity to recommend my student teacher, Heather Turner, for a position as School Library Media Specialist.

Heather came to Cazenovia Jr. Sr. High School during January and February 2008 as part of her practicum as a Master's candidate through Syracuse University's School of Information Studies.

Initially, we set objectives that included 8th grade booktalks, preparing bulletin boards and display cases, presiding over a monthly book club meeting, CCS library web site evaluation and general research project help. Heather met all of these objectives and more, including daily teaching opportunities and the creation of a new library web site that is ready to upload.

An incredibly busy environment that required extreme flexibility and ability to teach on the fly didn't faze Heather. Her calm demeanor and willingness to pitch-in resulted in her introducing research strategies to classes of 10th graders during the first week. In fact, her suggestions to students for creating on-line bibliography and note cards, using Word labels format, are being adopted by the English Department for successive research projects.

Heather's rapport with students was favorable and knowledge of Young Adult literature was as impressive to me as well as my students. The book club members adored her and older students often approached her for research help, recognizing her genuine interest in their reading interests and information needs.

Heather surpasses most of my colleagues in her technological savvy and troubleshooting knowledge, able to navigate any kind of software, create interactive project sites and web pages and use these to benefit her future students and faculty.

Heather has earned my unequivocal recommendation and is fully prepared to assume duties of School Library Media Specialist.

Sincerely,

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