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To whom it may concern:

Pauline Centers has completed her student teaching in the fall semester of 2014 in first grade at Danz Elementary School in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The classroom is part of a one way bilingual model where students learn the curriculum in Spanish and English. Danz Elementary is noted for its culturally diverse student population and for many special federal and state programs aimed at meeting these students' needs as well as the needs of students of poverty.

Miss. Centers was able to communicate effectively in both Spanish and English. She used very good planning skills utilizing short term and long range goals as well as being conscientious and flexible. She developed good classroom management techniques through the use of CHAMPS and PBIS. Students were encouraged to practice the PBIS agreements of respect, attentive listening, responsibility, and appreciation. During her time at Danz Miss. Centers took responsibility for all classes taught. She selected various activities and appropriate materials for the students to help them accomplish their goals. Miss. Centers did an excellent job of evaluation and strived to have all of the student be successful. Her record keeping of academic progress and student behavior helped her to communicate to parents and students on a daily basis.

Our math program is Math Expressions and Miss. Centers did an excellent job of helping the students feel confident about their math skills. The students worked together in math centers using a variety of math manipulatives and math instructional games to both review and also challenge their math knowledge. She assumed the duties of planning and teaching literacy lessons using the Simultaneous Bilingual Model. Miss Centers organized her literacy lessons using the balanced literacy approach. Because of her creativity and enthusiasm for teaching, the students responded positively to her lessons.

Miss. Centers worked collaboratively with our first grade team of teachers and support staff. She attended numerous meetings and staff developments while student teaching at Danz Elementary.

She created an environment of mutual respect within the classroom and school community. Miss. Centers was very friendly with the students, faculty, and other school personnel. I recommend Miss. Centers as a very good candidate for a teaching position for any grade in her area of certification.

Sincerely,

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