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Please accept this letter on behalf of Breanna Ahlers. I had the honor of serving as both a university professor and advisor for Miss Ahlers a science education teacher candidate. In those capacities, I have seen her commitment to excellence, her passion for teaching, and her incredible professionalism. I truly believe Breanna would be a great addition to any school's faculty.

Breanna really stood out in my class as a leader both in action and in thought. She brought classroom discussions to a new level when sharing experiences. She has a heart for student achievement and a desire to help each individual achieve to the best of his/her abilities. Breanna's class assignments were some of the best I have ever encountered. She brought creativity to her lessons utilizing available technology as well as encouraging student driven ideas and thoughts. What stood out the most was her dedication to implementing varied ways to encourage students to achieve their potentialities.

I have been impressed with Breanna's commitment to professionalism. She models this in the way she approaches everything from classroom assignments to field experiences. She looks at situations not from the eye of a teacher candidate, but rather as an educator. In my years in teacher education, this is something that I rarely see. Miss Ahlers looks for ways to empower all learners, including herself. She applies a critical to her instructional planning to see what is the best method to engage students, is appropriate flexible in practice, and is aptly reflective, focusing both on strengths and areas to be modified.

When I first started teaching twenty-three years ago, I looked for various criteria when asked to write a letter of recommendation. Those items began to look less important as we began to raise a family. The highest compliment I could give to any colleague or student is my "mom seal of approval" coupled with my knowledge as an educator. With that said, Breanna Ahlers is a caring, dedicated, and innovative educator whom I would love to have teach my children. I can give no higher recommendation than that; so it is without hesitation that I recommend her.

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