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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Mrs. Emily Sternberg. My name is Rob Stewart and I am the Principal for the Wabasha-Kellogg School District. Throughout this school year, I have had the privilege of working with Emily as a co-responder on her journal as she completes her principal licensure program through Winona State University. Emily also took it upon herself early this school year to schedule a day to come over to W-K and work with me for a day. To bring this story full circle, I first met Emily 18 years ago when she and I were both hired as young and aspiring teachers for the St. Charles School District. Although my direct experiences with Emily may be limited to our first year teaching together at St. Charles and then this school year working together as she completes her principal license, I feel very confident in highly endorsing her as a candidate for any school district. One thing that I have learned in twenty years in education is that the great ones definitely stand out and Emily truly stands out in my mind as an exceptional teacher which will certainly transpire into her being an exemplar administrator.

One of the first things that comes to my mind when thinking about Emily is her perseverance and dedication. When working with Emily this year, it was evident that she spends many hours outside the normal school day working and volunteering at her school. Through our various discussions, you could easily see that she is always striving to find innovative ways to maintain the highest quality educational experience for all her students. She is the teacher and administrator that makes average schools great, simply because she will always devote the extra time and energy it takes to make her district a great place to learn and work.

Secondly, I believe that Emily is very knowledgeable in a variety of educational areas. Her rich background and strong desire to continually learn allows her to offer valuable insight for classroom teachers and fellow administrators across all levels of education. Although Emily is finishing up her administrative degree, I have been very impressed with her strong knowledge base for administration. She truly understands the right questions to ask and possesses a strong vision for what it takes to establish the infrastructure necessary to make a solid foundation that every great school has.

Although Emily possesses many additional attributes that makes her a strong educator, I believe a final area that correlates into her being an excellent teacher and administrator is her ability to connect well with others. She has used this ability to be a well-respected teacher by her students, parents, community members and her fellow colleagues. The ability to establish these types of relationships is obviously an essential component for successful school leaders. Emily understands this and will be able to establish strong connections at any district that she is part of and furthermore, she will use these relationships to mentor fellow colleagues and strengthen the district from the core.

In closing, I would highly recommend Mrs. Emily Sternberg for a position within your district. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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