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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to provide this letter of reference for Deanna French. Mrs. French was a student teacher for 4th grade at Brownstown Elementary School in Conestoga Valley School District during the fall of the 2012-2013 school year.

I was extremely impressed with Mrs. French's professionalism, dedication and motivation throughout her experience at Brownstown Elementary and I would highly recommend her to be considered for a full-time teaching position.

I had the opportunity to observe Mrs. French's teaching both formally and through brief walkthrough observations. She consistently demonstrated thorough lesson planning and a commitment to students. Her lessons were engaging. She utilized formative assessment strategies to gauge student learning. She commanded a strong presence during direct teaching but also facilitated student work in collaborative groups and independent assignments. She consistently demonstrated a supportive and encouraging tone with students and was skilled at classroom management. She maintained appropriate communication with parents as needed.

I regularly observed Mrs. French utilizing technology such as the Promethean board and in particular involving students in the use of technology. She demonstrated flexibility and a willingness to adjust her approaches depending on student needs. She utilized both formative and summative assessment to gauge student progress.

Mrs. French consistently demonstrated competence and a willingness to continually improve. She was receptive to feedback and sought to go above and beyond to make a difference for students.

Should there be an opening in our district I would definitely consider Mrs. French for a teaching position. It is evident that she has a strong desire to make a difference for students and has the potential to be a true leader in the profession. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call at 717-940-8727.

Sincerely,

Andrew Graybill
Principal