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To Whom It May Concern,

As the Head Teacher for Chugach Extension School, it is my genuine pleasure to recommend Cynthia Shidner for a teaching position with your district. Cynthia has worked under my supervision for the past four and a half years in our Prince William Sound office where she has been a valuable asset to the Chugach Extension School.

While Cynthia's primary responsibilities involve supporting families in their endeavor of educating their children at home, she has taken every opportunity to work directly with students. When reviewing their work, she always provides detailed positive feedback to students. She regularly plans educational activities and training for students and their parents. Last year, Cynthia facilitated leadership training for a group of Chugach students, which included a trip to Juneau for student leadership training through AASB. It is because of her passion to work more closely with students that she is seeking a classroom position.

In addition to her enthusiasm in working with students, Cynthia strives to maintain a positive rapport with parents. She maintains frequent communication with parents through personal contact, group gatherings, newsletters, emails and phone calls. By sharing her expertise with parents, she enables them to be involved in planning and implementing the highest quality of education for their child.

Cynthia is adept at collaborating as a team member. She contributes beneficial ideas and unlimited energy. She is always willing to research and write grants, volunteer to lead projects or mentor others. She was instrumental in revising our standards and developing performance based assessments.

Cynthia's professionalism has greatly enriched our program. Again, I highly recommend her for a teaching position in your district. She will share her passion and commitment with students, staff and parents. Should you have any questions, I would be happy to discuss her qualifications with you personally.

Sincerely,

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