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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to recommend Vincent Lindquist for a teaching position within your school district. I had the pleasure of mentoring Vincent throughout his student teaching assignment during the 2011-2012 school year. In fulfilling his internship requirements for the Michigan State University Teacher Certification Program, he spent the first trimester lead teaching in one economics course, the second trimester as the lead teacher in three economics courses and the third trimester as the lead teacher in one government class.

I found Vincent to be one of the most inquisitive student interns that I have had the pleasure of observing within my classroom. He was very adept at asking pertinent questions concerning teaching strategies, classroom management ideas and lesson plan organization. He would often implement these ideas into his daily activities along with various strategies learned through his course preparation at Michigan State. On one occasion I observed him employing a 'Four Corner's' activity as a way to generate discussion in his government class. Vincent was able to take a class that was somewhat hesitant to get involved in a discussion and turn it into a group that engaged in a vibrant talk concerning a current political controversy. During this activity he was able to include all of the students while maintaining focus on the topic and civility among the students.

Vincent also demonstrated many attributes of a professional and reflective learner. Each day he would be eager to get feedback from those that he worked with and accepted both constructive criticism and praise with an even temperament. I also found his classroom management style to be very effective. His enthusiasm for teaching and knowledge of the subject matters lead his student's to be very respectful and well-behaved. He handled every discipline situation with more confidence than most student interns that I have mentored.

I would not hesitate to recommend Vincent Lindquist for a teaching position and believe that he will continue his development while eventually becoming a 'master' teacher. Thank you for time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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