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CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to recommend Annie Zenn for a counseling position at your school. I have had the pleasure of supervising Annie at Centennial Middle School throughout the year and she has been an invaluable asset to our students. Through my observations of her work I can say without a doubt that she will make an excellent addition to any school.

From day one, Annie built relationships with students and I was impressed by her ability to connect with them so quickly. She is passionate about breaking down barriers and helping students see their full potential. During her time at our school, Annie built up a caseload of students whom she checked in with on a regular basis. Many of the students she worked with were students of color and/or experiencing homelessness. The majority of her caseload were at risk for academics, behavior, and attendance. Annie helped set goals, provided the tools needed to be successful, and advocated on their behalf. Her excellent communication with parents and teachers facilitated her success with the kids.

Another example of Annie's commitment to social justice and advocacy happened when she noticed that our school had limited resources for students living in poverty. Annie took the initiative to create a winter resource list for our families. She researched local agencies who were willing to provide food, clothing, housing, and medical assistance and called each one to confirm that they were able to serve our population. Part of this process also included creating a flyer that our staff could distribute to students and families.

In addition to carrying a caseload and maintaining resources, Annie also created guidance lessons for our teachers to facilitate during advisory period. She established a goal in each lesson and used real life examples to help students connect to the material. She utilized technology to incorporate videos and graphics to capture the students' attention. She also revised and facilitated a suicide prevention lesson for our 7th grade students. Her delivery of the lesson was excellent. She engaged students, answered questions thoughtfully, and managed the classroom during a lesson with some difficult and sensitive material.

Centennial Middle School will miss Annie dearly. She is a genuine, kind individual that can roll with the punches when things get a little crazy, which they often do at middle school. She brings a calm presence and a "go get it" problem-solving attitude to every situation. I was extremely lucky to have such a competent, self-directed young lady as an intern.

Sincerely,

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