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To Whom It May Concern:

I was Sydney Bailey's instructor in the Fall of 2018 in the Adolescent Young Adult methods block course at Miami University where we spent time studying the best ways to teach secondary students, particularly around the content of writing instruction. Sydney was a wonderful student who took her studies seriously and was deeply invested in becoming a teacher.

Over the course of the semester, Sydney worked in a high school classroom, developing lessons and connecting with students. She did a wonderful job building relationships both with students and colleagues. She worked to create lessons that would connect with students, and was eager to connect and learn. She also showed evidence of strong pedagogical understanding during class as students taught lessons to their classmates. Her teaching was focused, engaging, and standards-driven.

Sydney is a leader in many ways. On campus, she has participated in a variety of organizations, including the Miami chapter of National Council of Teachers of English. This kind of professionalism is just what our field needs — people who are invested in the development of the craft of teaching.

Ms. Bailey is at the start of an excellent teaching career. The students who have her will thrive. She will soak up learning from her colleagues and will grow exponentially.

Sincerely,

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