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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I offer this recommendation for Jennifer Johnson, an intern teacher who worked with me this school year at Harper Woods High School teaching Biology and Chemistry.

In my year of teaching with Ms. Johnson, I have found her to be one of the most caring, involved, professional and dedicated teachers I have known. Jennifer is one of those rare teachers, equally respected by superiors, colleagues, and students. Her dedication to the student body is evident through her involvement in extra-curricular activities and willingness to work with students to meet their educational requirements. Jennifer came to school early and stayed late to assist students. In addition, Jennifer regularly staffed the 'benchmark café', an after-school science tutoring program. This speaks directly to her commitment to student achievement. Many of my students have commented on Jennifer's ability to balance high expectations and attention to their particular needs.

Jennifer was always well-prepared and organized in the classroom. She paid meticulous attention to detail when preparing laboratory investigations and/or demonstrations and took those opportunities to convey a new depth of knowledge to the students.

I also worked with Jennifer on our Science Learning Team and NGSS Mastery Learning Team. She volunteered to join these groups, beyond the scope of her internship requirements, and made cogent contributions to each team's work.

In my prior career as the corporate director of laboratories for a large integrated health system, I worked with hundreds of staff members who reported directly or indirectly to me, and I am well qualified to make a judgment as to the quality of a person as a dedicated and respected employee. I am taking this opportunity to give my highest recommendation to anyone considering Jennifer Johnson for employment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Blauvelt', written over a horizontal line.

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Science Department Teacher

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