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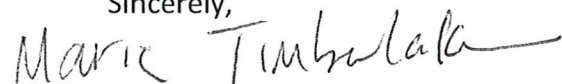
Hello,

I am pleased to support Elizabeth Zielewicz's application to substitute teach in your district. I met Liz last fall when she was a student in my Introduction to Special Education class at SUNY Cortland. I have not seen Liz teach but I have gotten to see what kind of person she is and feel very comfortable recommending her. She never missed a class, her work was always of the highest caliber – not only did she complete things on time and accurately but Liz is very astute and reflective. Her writing showed how thoughtful she was about concepts of ability, disability and diversity. She was very open to learning and did a particularly nice job analyzing theories around challenging behavior, sensory issues and supports for children who struggle with classroom routines.

Liz brought a calm and positive presence to class and she got along with everyone – a mixed group of personalities and majors. Because of Liz's exemplary work and ability to interact respectfully with people, I invited her to be my teaching assistant in the upcoming semester. She will be working with me to plan aspects of the course, will work with small groups and assist other students in understanding special education.

In summary, I am confident that you can trust Liz Zielewicz to approach substitute teaching with integrity and diligence. I can be reached at 607 753-5937 or maria.timberlake@cortland.edu if I can answer any questions about Liz.

Sincerely,



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