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To whom it may concern:

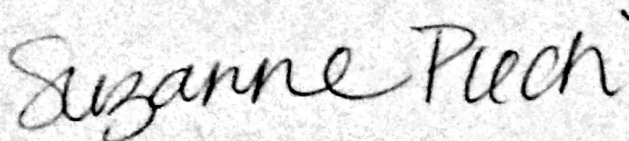
My name is Suzanne Piech and I am a member of the 8th and 9th grade teaching team at Michigan Math and Science Academy. I am writing to you on behalf of my colleague, Mrs. Kristin Smith, who I would like to highly recommend for the 9th grade English position at your school.

I first met Kristin at teacher orientation this past August. From the very beginning, she showed an enthusiasm and excitement for teaching. This was evident in her willingness to be involved in, and even run, a variety of after school activities including National Junior Honor Society and homecoming celebrations as well as daily tutoring. Through these actions, it is evident that Mrs. Smith's passion for teaching reaches beyond just the realm of the classroom.

Kristin is just as much of an asset in the classroom as well. She is organized, responsible and consistent. She holds high expectations for all of her students and maintains their success as her first priority. In addition, she has taken on the daunting task of being the first to create and adapt the Language Arts curriculum for the school's preliminary year of ninth graders. For these students, and all her classes, Kristin plans lessons that are engaging and that encourage the students to make authentic connections to real-world themes. She is creative in both her lesson planning and her delivery. Often, this creativity includes extensive use of technology. I have frequently witnessed Kristin using Ebeam whiteboard technology and audience response clickers in her daily lessons. In fact, she is such an expert with these and other forms of technology that I often go to her for tech support rather than our building's IT coordinator!

On a personal level, I have truly enjoyed having the chance to work with Kristin as part of my teaching team. She is a supportive and caring teammate, always willing to offer a helpful suggestion or to just listen. During our time together, Kristin has impressed me with the determination and passion with which she has attacked her first year of teaching. I know that she will be an asset to your school. It is without any hesitation that I highly recommend Mrs. Kristin Smith for employment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at piech@mmsaonline.org or 248-808-6914.

Sincerely,



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