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To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to enthusiastically recommend Hope Forman as a teacher and/or occasional teacher. In every capacity I have seen Hope work, I have been impressed by her as a talented, capable, and always-curious professional who demonstrates exceptional leadership and willingness to learn.

Hope has been a student of mine over the past two years. She was in two of my classes in her first year of her Bachelor of Education, and brought energy and creative thinking to her course assignments. This year she is completing her second year in the Online Pedagogy and Workplace Learning class, building strong skills in online facilitation and evaluation. Hope has demonstrated a wide-ranging and reflexive understanding of educational issues in all her assignments, and her works reflects a meaningful and nuanced grasp both of digital skills of and the equity lens my courses aim to teach. Hope is a high-achieving learner with a mature understanding of classroom issues and potential resolutions, and is willing to step up and lead when the opportunity arises.

I can also speak to Hope's strengths and skills with youth, from the perspective of a parent. I first met Hope in 2018, when she was a theatre camp counsellor to both my children – then I2 and 9 – at Korda Zone Theatre. They found her warm, engaging, and patient: a natural teacher and mentor. Over the 2.5 years since, they have worked under her leadership in a variety of community theatre contexts. During the pandemic, Hope's creativity and initiative have been particularly active: she has personally developed and coordinated the production of a number of youth online theatre and musical offerings, including a Christmas show that she arranged to be shown at local seniors' homes. The organizational and communication skills required to scaffold these creative endeavours are extraordinary, and Hope has made a success of all of them. She makes genuine contributions to her community and to the lives of Windsor citizens, and I am confident she will be an exceptional teacher who makes a difference in students' lives.

Hope is a positive and committed educator, able to both lead and to make room for others. She is also a generous, curious, and reliable human being, and will be a contributing asset to any teacher roster. Please contact me at your convenience to discuss her strengths in further detail.

Sincerely,

Bonnie

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