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Secondary Recruitment Centre
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Toronto, Ontario
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Dear TDSB Secondary Recruiter,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Brandon MacRae for the role of Emergency Supply Person at the Toronto District School Board.

Brandon has been an invaluable asset to Community Living Ontario's Student Links initiative since May 2020. During that time, he mentored a high school student with an intellectual disability and encouraged him to explore his passion for automobiles. Brandon met with the student he mentors on a weekly basis and has been a reliable supporter to him, offering at minimum an hour to an hour and a half of his time towards each weekly meeting. I worked alongside Brandon to set goals for the student and was continually impressed with Brandon's energy and enthusiasm. Brandon helped expand the student's network, connect with other car enthusiasts and create a sophisticated online presence where he could showcase his auto mechanic work. Brandon's commitment to mentoring is admirable and it is apparent in his dedication to helping students with disabilities overcome boundaries and pursue their dreams.

Brandon's kind and empathetic nature lends to him to being a stellar mentor. He is natural leader and graciously assumed all responsibility for coordinating mentorship meetings during periods when agency support was unavailable. He took on administrative duties within the mentorship, was always looking for opportunities to help the student connect with his community and helped bolster the student's sense of self-worth. He connected with the student's family respectfully and responsibly, ensuring the student's independence and integrity was maintained.

I have every confidence that Brandon will make an ideal teacher.

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