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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Ms. Carlin Howe

Ms. Carlin Howe has been employed as a full time classroom teacher at St. Ignatius Catholic School since September 2004. I was the principal of the school until my retirement in June 2008. Before being hired as a full time teacher Ms. Howe did some coverage for absent teachers and additional volunteer work at the school.

Ms. Howe has an energetic and enthusiastic manner with students. They love her creativity, her ability to making learning interesting and the confidence she builds in them. She has high expectations for her students and is able to challenge them to reach their potential. Very aware of technology Ms. Howe makes sure she communicates regularly with parents using email and a teacher web site she updates regularly. Always striving to be the best she can be, Ms. Howe stays current with best practices. We have had many discussions regarding assessment, learning styles and curriculum that she initiates wanting to engage in professional dialogue as she plans her students' learning. She likes to stay current and takes her profession very seriously.

Ms. Howe likes to share her knowledge with others and had the opportunity to present a workshop at the Private Schools' Conference in October 2007. It was very well received and gave her a taste of presenting to adults. It is an area she needs to be encouraged to develop further.

Ms. Howe is the kind of teacher who helps develop good public relations for a school. Parents want their children to be in her class. Her after-school clubs and camps are very popular as well. Even in the school canteen she has spread her focus of healthy eating so much so that children of all grades are asking their parents for vegetables in their lunch so they can be one of Ms. Howe's healthy eaters! The greatest compliment that I can extend to Ms. Howe is that I would not hesitate to have my child in her class or hire her again.

There are so many good things to say about this teacher that I would love to talk to you about her. If you have any further questions, I would be happy to address them with you.

Because I have left St. Ignatius, I can best be reached through my personal email address or telephone below.

Please feel free to contact me should you need further information.

Sincerely,



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