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TO: Whom It May Concern

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RE: Tosha Cook

Tosha Cook has been a student in the elementary education program at TTU for the past two years. I have known and worked with her since Fall Semester 2011 when she began the program. Tosha was a student in my Literacy Block (12 hours/week) for Literacy Methods as well as Early Childhood Special Education Methods. Both of these courses required successful completion of appropriate public school field placements in Kindergarten through third grade classrooms. I had almost daily contact with her that semester. As her advisor, I have maintained contact with Tosha since she began our program. She will graduate from TTU this month.

I have had many opportunities to observe both Ms. Cook's individual academic work and her work as part of a group. She participated effectively and enthusiastically in group assignments, and her individual work was excellent. She sets goals and follows them through to completion in an efficient manner. Tosha has a highly developed work ethic (most class work was turned in well before the due date) and she is a very dedicated, organized person.

Ms. Cook has demonstrated her dedication to her chosen profession of teaching as well as a willingness to learn and develop the necessary knowledge base and skills for effective teaching. She has shown growth in developing her skills as a teacher, in planning instructional programs, and implementing sound classroom management skills. During her field experience, she collaborated both her mentor and with me to develop practical, standards-based lessons that reflected and applied the training she had had in her TTU coursework. Her mentors' high ratings of Tosha's field work positively reflected her growth as a teacher during the field placements.

I highly recommend Tosha Cook for employment to teach in any grade K-6. I believe that she will continue to develop her skills as a teacher and will be an asset to the teaching profession.

If you have further questions, please contact me at the above address, by phone (865) 898-8828, or by email.