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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Miss Lindsay Rourke. Since day one of her internship and subsequent student teaching experience, Lindsay has epitomized the profile of the consummate professional. Lindsay had a challenging schedule for any educator, but she used the experience to show her flexibility and breadth of knowledge. Her student teaching experience took place in two school buildings, Hillcrest Middle School servicing seventh grade students and Trumbull High School servicing ninth grade students. Both placements allowed her to use her strong understanding of World History and Geography. Clearly, she has a strong background in the Social Sciences, excellent organizational and lesson planning skills as well as the ability to “reach” all students.

Lindsay was quick to take over the challenges of planning lessons and assessments all on her own with limited supervision. She continually connected her lessons with the state standards and with the district curriculum ensuring clear and comprehensive instruction. Miss Rourke also created a variety of assessments allowing all students to show mastery of the material and to showcase their talents. In addition, she is a caring individual, who is sensitive to student needs and concerns. This has allowed her to build strong rapport with the student body. She will certainly be missed.

To add, Miss Rourke has been involved in every professional obligation required of Trumbull Public Schools teachers. She assumed every aspect of parent communication including phone calls, emails and meetings. She attended parent-teacher conferences, all professional development requirements and department meetings. In addition, Miss Rourke is well-respected by the teaching staff at both Trumbull High School and Hillcrest Middle School.

In my opinion, Miss Rourke has fulfilled her student teaching requirements in an exemplary fashion. Despite all of the obstacles that came from a school year fragmented by the COVID-19 pandemic, Miss Rourke demonstrated a positive attitude towards all requirements of the teaching profession. All in all, she has done an excellent job. Miss Rourke’s professional demeanor as well as her personable manner will make her a valuable asset to any classroom and school system. I highly encourage you to consider her candidacy for any openings within your district.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Breanne Brienza  
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