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To Whom It May Concern

It is with great eagerness and excitement that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Miss Lindsay Rourke. I have had the pleasure of working with Miss Rourke for the better part of the past year where she has served Hillcrest Middle School both as a 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher. You will find that she has a strong work ethic, a true understanding of teaching to the ‘whole child,’ a genuine compassion for the people she is working with, and has a high standard of professionalism

I first met Miss Rourke in the spring of 2019 when I interviewed her for an internship in my building. Not only did I find her resume impressive, but I was immediately struck by her professionalism and enthusiasm. This winter, Miss Rourke transitioned from the role of intern to student teacher. In the opportunities I have had to observe her classes, I have been impressed with her command of instructional practices. She has exhibited a mastery of social studies content and Common Core standards. Most important, her students love attending her class. These are the indicators of a teacher with a strong foundation and a bright future.

Miss Rourke has shown a tremendous capacity for collaboration during her time in Trumbull. Even though she was teaching in multiple grades in two schools with many different teachers, she would always find time to work with her peers at Hillcrest. She gave valuable input in the creation of student-centered lessons and assessments, and which as a result gave our students a meaningful experience in social studies. I have no doubt she would take this same approach with her to her next school district.

When school let out in mid-March due to the spread of COVID-19, it would have been easy for Miss Rourke to ride out the rest of her internship behind the scenes. Instead, she made every effort to continue to help plan lessons and engage students through Google Classroom. In a challenging time, she continued to make herself available to the students of Hillcrest. We could not be more thankful.

It is for those aforementioned reasons that I give Miss Lindsay Rourke my highest possible recommendation for employment to your institution. She is highly qualified, a team player, and would be a fine addition to any school that has the fortune of having her as a teacher. Do not

miss this opportunity to add Miss Rourke to your staff. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Rickert', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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