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To Members of the Search Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Adam Constantilos for a teaching position in Health and Physical Education. During the Fall Semester of the 2017 -2018 academic year, I had the opportunity to supervise Adam's student teaching experience in Health Education at the Middle School level. During that time, I observed Adam many times and gained intimate knowledge regarding his character, academic and teaching ability.

You will find Adam to be a little older than most other college graduates. He is mature, honest, and dependable. He is goal oriented and has a keen sense of commitment and responsibility. He has a serious sense of purpose and has an excellent sense of care for his students. He is especially concerned about those students in his class with learning difficulties and takes immediate steps to address their specific needs. Likewise, Adam is a bright young man who has learned in the academic setting and also from his life experiences. He has a lot to bring to your students. In addition, you will not find a teaching candidate with better technology skills and the ability to apply them to enhance student learning. To that end, he also has the ability, can model the use of technology in the classroom and will be able to bring exceptional technology skills to many of your faculty.

In the classroom, Adam has excellent classroom management skills as well as outstanding content knowledge. He uses creative ways to engage students and hardly ever has any issues with behavior management. His lessons are sequential in nature, he addresses the needs of all learners and uses technology very effectively to motivate students. In addition, Adam has learned to use technology to effectively and efficiently assess student performance and adjust his teaching accordingly.

Unfortunately, there is not enough space in this short letter of recommendation to document all of the great things that Adam will bring to your school district. What I can tell you however, is that Adam has the teaching ability, demeanor and skills (especially in technology) that I have not seen in any other student teacher since I took this position in 2003. If put into baseball terms, it could be said that Adam is a home run. It is more likely that Adam will be a GRAND SLAM and a tremendous asset to any district that chooses to hire him. Candidates like this are few and far between. I suggest that you take a good look at this candidate. In my opinion, he is extra special. He has my unconditional support recommendation.

Sincerely,

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