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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is written in support of Mr. Collin Barnes for a teaching position in your district. I am the principal of Pella Middle School and have come to know Mr. Barnes through his work in the Pella Schools over the past year as a teacher associate.

Mr. Barnes possesses many qualities and characteristics that were an asset to the middle school, and I believe he will make an excellent teacher for your district.

The majority of my professional interactions with Collin were in building-level activities. Mr. Barnes served the middle school as a teacher associate and substitute from January 2013 to May 2013. I believe his experience with us would be of value to the work he would engage in as a teacher in your district.

I have also had the opportunity to conduct informal observations on Mr. Barnes. He regularly instructed our students with compassion and high expectations.

Collin has a strong work ethic, and he has a strong commitment to the educational needs of the students he worked with. I am sure he maintained this as a middle school teacher in his current role. Furthermore, his demeanor around middle school kids was greatly appreciated. He was able to maintain his personal and professional composure in whatever role and situation he was placed. Again, I believe these experiences and characteristics would be of value, and I believe they speak to his beliefs about school as a place of learning for both students and adults.

While this letter may highlight some of his skills, those that first come to mind for me include the following: compassionate, calm demeanor, a focus on personal improvement through ongoing learning, and a passion to serve all students' needs.

If there is additional information I can provide, please feel free to call me at 641.628.4784 or email me at josh.manning@pella.k12.ia.us.

Respectfully,

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