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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in recommendation of Annie Magid-Beale. I have gotten to know Annie during the course of a study regarding social studies teacher education. During this time I have had the opportunity to observe her participation in her methods class as well had several chances to discuss her views of teaching in depth. In light of these experiences, I offer Ms. Bagid-Beale my strongest recommendation to become part of your educational community.

Annie possesses an exemplary disposition towards social studies instruction. First of all, she is highly knowledgeable in her content. Her academic history has prepared her excellently in this area. Many teachers have a great deal of content knowledge. What Annie has that is less common is an intellectual capacity to relate that content to her students in ways that help them to confront the great issues of our time – globalization, increasing amounts of information, and issues of access. Annie has forged a way of thinking about social studies education that allows her to frame the content in ways that not only raise awareness of these issues but helps her students put them into historical contexts. In so doing, she understands her role as fostering a sense of community, responsibility, and care both in the classroom and in society at large.

While I have not had the opportunity to observe Ms. Magid-Beale's teaching, I have the utmost confidence in her ability. This confidence is based on the above observations combined with the conversations I have had with others who have had this privilege. As a member of the secondary social studies preparation team at Michigan State University, I have had experiences with many early career social studies educators. Annie is among the top students I have observed during my five years.

It is my privilege to be writing on her behalf, and I am certain it would be your privilege to have her as part of your staff. Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,

Jim Garrett