

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am pleased to write this recommendation on behalf of Ann Magid-Beale. I have had the great pleasure to act as field instructor for Ms. Magid-Beale during her year long internship field experience as part of Michigan State University's Teacher Certification Program. By every standard she has done an outstanding job in MSU's internship placement. During this year's course of study, she has been expected to perform at professional levels in several key areas of development as a teacher: methodological and pedagogical inquiry within the context of her own classroom, a professional internship placement in a local school, and post-undergraduate coursework that has allowed her to explore her practice within theoretical, practical and professional contexts. Throughout all of these phases of development Ms. Magid-Beale has excelled.

Most striking is her ability to negotiate complicated pedagogic and methodological criteria for approaching the social studies *and implement that vision within her classroom that enables her students' intellectual development*. This includes analyzing social studies curricula (and pedagogy) from systematic and critical positions. Simultaneously, she is constantly performing formative assessments to address students' cognitive and affective needs in relation to the material that she is teaching. The result is an unwaveringly caring classroom where her students are challenged to push the boundaries of their intellectual potential, understand complex curricula and achieve academic success. This ability to take theoretical paradigms and apply them to real world situations within her teaching practice, especially given her ability to do so by establishing a caring classroom where her students come first, makes Ms. Magid-Beale particularly appealing as a future educator.

Ms. Magid-Beale was always well prepared and diligently researched topics within her curriculum in an effort to understand the entirety of subjects beyond the scope of her teaching. Her ability to develop meaningful class discussion and activities based on this remains unsurpassed in my judgment. Such performance is a hallmark of the fine academic and professional standards that she sets for herself. Ms. Magid-Beale is enthusiastic, positive, and eager to learn; characteristics that lend themselves both to her rapport with her students and to a long and successful career as an educator.

It is my belief that Ann Magid-Beale will be an excellent educator and an asset to any district of which she is a part. She has consistently demonstrated the ability to deal with any challenge presented to her whether it be intellectual, pedagogical and/or professional in nature. It is for these reasons that I enthusiastically recommend Ms. Magid-Beale. If I can be of further assistance, or if you'd like to discuss Ms. Magid-Beale's qualifications more directly, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information below.

Sincerely,



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