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To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Cory McCune for 17 years. She was an English teacher at the high school where I began my teaching career and was an unofficial mentor to me my first few years. We worked together for several years before we both moved on to different buildings.

Several years later, I was teaching for the University of Nebraska Omaha's School Library Program where Cory earned her school library certificate. Her work in the class I taught was always thoughtful, well written, and focused on her hopes for her future school library. When she was hired for her current school library job at Burke High School, I was the Lead Teacher for the Library Services department in Omaha Public Schools. In my role I often visited her school library and observed classes and discussed resources and instruction.

Cory has worked hard to connect and collaborate with teachers in her building. She frequently provides instruction on using digital resources and tools. Inquiry instruction draws heavily upon those skills. As a Common Sense Education certified educator, Cory has delivered digital citizenship instruction that will help her students both in school and in general as well as provided information to families.

Building positive relationships with students is also a key priority and something that is evident with her interactions with students both in an instructional setting as well as informal conversations in the school library. Cory thoughtfully plans lessons to reach all learners and assures students that they can seek her out whenever they need assistance.

Cory continues to seek out new ways to support all members of her school community, which is evident through her desire to continue learning through the Instructional Technology Leadership program at UNO.

Sincerely,
Courtney Pentland