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To whom it may concern:

During the 2009-2010 school year, I had the distinct pleasure of serving as Briana Allen's direct supervisor in her role as Technology Coach. Briana was assigned to two buildings and worked closely with her tech coach team, building principals and teachers towards increased technology integration. Briana's charge was to create classrooms that utilize technology at a deeper level encouraging collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking, all key skills for a 21st Century classroom.

In addition to meeting on a team or individual basis with teachers, Briana has facilitated several technology workshops for teachers covering everything from basic skills to global collaboration. Briana has been a constant support to our technology program, providing a framework for all technology content. Briana has been willing to take on large projects such as creating an iMovie to showcase the technology integration that has taken place in our district. Briana is also quick to share resources with her colleagues in our collaborative wiki workspace.

Technology integration is a moving target. New methods, tools and ideas are constantly evolving. Briana stays up to date with the latest trends by subscribing to RSS feeds, utilizing her professional learning network and attending local professional development opportunities in person and virtually.

Briana's presentations are well organized, appropriately paced and full of resources for teachers and students. Briana's tone is encouraging, allowing for all students (adult or child) to feel comfortable with new technology tools. Some activities Briana has brought to the classroom include collaborative wikis, Glogster, blogging, Discovery Education and VoiceThread

Briana is focused and goal-oriented, she collaborates with teachers and staff so that she can best serve the school community. Her knowledge of individual student's needs, her ability to effectively collaborate with students, teachers and administrators and her ability to take charge and get things accomplished would make her a positive addition to any staff.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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