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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Ms. Chelsey Harding

I am very pleased to provide this reference for Chelsey Harding. I was the University of Victoria Faculty Supervisor during her final practicum at William F Davidson Elementary in Surrey. She was an outstanding student-teacher who will certainly go on to an excellent teaching career.

Chelsey possesses exceptional interpersonal skills and a very strong work ethic. She was always positive and enthusiastic in her interactions with staff, parents and students. She listened carefully and spoke honestly and carefully. She collaborated effectively with several staff members and is clearly committed to collaborative inquiry as an important part of her ongoing professional growth. Her planning was very detailed but she was flexible and in tune with her students. She routinely revised her plans to try to make her instruction more engaging and meaningful. Her level of organization was exemplary.

Chelsey's classroom management skills were phenomenal! She used more techniques and strategies than I have observed in any classroom during my twenty years as an elementary school principal. She established warm, respectful and encouraging relationships with all her students and always focused on their positive accomplishments. Her thorough preparation for teaching and the interesting lessons that she taught made the classroom a place where students were happy and very engaged.

Chelsey worked diligently to create interactive, hands-on lessons and she provided meaningful collaborative learning opportunities for her students. Manipulatives were used on a daily basis in math. Students used laptops regularly and they carried out experiments to test hypotheses. She was teaching a combined grade 1 / 2 class, with a large range of academic levels, and she did a remarkable job of differentiating instruction so that all her students would be challenged and successful. She regularly assessed their learning, before, during and at the end of units, and she attended to the needs of students who were struggling to meet expectations.

Chelsey had a terrific practicum in the primary class at Davidson. She has also had practical experiences at other grade levels. I am completely confident that she would be a wonderful teacher at any grade. She has a genuine passion for teaching and the personality, motivation and work ethic to be a great teacher for many years. If I can provide further clarification or elaboration, please contact me at 604-535-2282 or by e-mail at gdmcintosh@shaw.ca.

Yours truly,

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