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I have had the privilege of working with Stephanie Dib as student teacher during the 2013-2014 school year. During this time, she participated in the start up of the school year, planned and taught lessons, substitute taught in my classroom on several occasions, and gave one-on-one tutoring to a student outside of the school day.

Upon meeting Stephanie and watching her work with students, she was quick to develop a positive rapport with students and appeared confident and comfortable in the classroom setting. Her enthusiasm and dedication was exhibited daily through her detailed lessons and positive delivery. Ms. Dib's willingness to take suggestions, modify lessons, and experiment with new strategies and content that were Common Core aligned, demonstrated her motivation and reflection about teaching and learning. She quickly learned my classroom management and routines, and was able to successfully integrate some of her own "Whole Brain" teaching strategies.

In my opinion as a classroom teacher for 28 years who has prepared more than 20 student teachers, Ms. Dib is an excellent candidate for your school. She has tremendous initiative, a desire to continue to learn, and a reflective practioner outlook. She was able to communicate effectively as well as displayed many fine personal and professional qualities normally attributed to outstanding teachers. I would strongly encourage you to give serious consideration to this prospective teacher. She would be an asset to any teaching staff.

Sincerely, Summ Spaldeng

Susan Spalding 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

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