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## To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the distinct pleasure of having Kyle Lees as a student in my Special Education classes and as an independent study student over a four year period at Butler University. Kyle has been more than the ideal student. In order to achieve the highest grades and my deepest respect, he has demonstrated outstanding leadership and maintained a clear sense of purpose.

The academics at Butler are most challenging, and Kyle fulfilled all the requirements with the added challenge of coaching, officiating, and being a member of the International Honor Society in Education, Kappa Delta Pi. Kyle is an exceptionally strong pre-service teacher because he possesses real strength in the areas of Special Education content, pedagogy, and work ethic. While I know Kyle's primary content area is Physical Education, his breadth of intellectual curiosity and experience regarding students with disabilities is equal to most future special educators.

During his time at Butler University, Kyle has consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic and a dedication to both Physical and Special Education. He leads by example and many people here find his enthusiasm and dedication both inspiring and motivating.

I believe Kyle exhibits many of the qualities that are essential to being an outstanding first year teacher. As a result, I highly recommend Kyle Lees for employment within your school district and hope that you will carefully consider his employment application. If I can provide you with any further information about Kyle, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Sincerely,

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