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To Whom It May Concern:

As an educator, I look for three qualities in my teaching colleagues: professionalism, dependability, and a sense of humor. I believe that Cheryl Williams possesses all of these traits.

Professionalism is based upon work ethic, honesty, and motivation. Cheryl is a team player. She strives for excellence in her field and helps me to bring creative ideas to my lesson plans. This creativity is based upon new technology in which I have limited knowledge. This year alone, she has assisted me in designing new U.S. history lesson plans that use Prezi, Smartboard activities, Photo Story, Microsoft Publisher, and Google docs. This implementation of media technology has brought excitement and a sense of anticipation in my students that I have not seen for a few years. She assists in writing rubrics, class expectations, research directives, and internet search perimeters with each lesson. Cheryl directs me to focus on what students know and what they need to know for future success. After an hour of planning with her, I'm as excited as the students, looking forward to using 21st Century echnology skills.

Dependability means one thing to me. Can I count on Cheryl? The answer is a firm, yes. No matter the day, hour, or lesson activity, I know it will be done on time, expectations will be met, and glitches will be rectified. She arrives daily one to two hours before school opens and remains long after others have gone home. The word "excuse" is not in her vocabulary.

Cheryl's sense of humor and quick wittiness make her a joy to work with on a daily basis. Reading her monthly, media newsletters bring laughter and chuckles to an otherwise serious topic. In fact, I've been known to take them home and reread them for pleasure.

I have nothing but respect and admiration for my education/library media specialist, Cheryl Williams. As an experienced teacher of 30 years, I can honestly say that she is the future of technology education in America. You will be wise to hire her.

Respectfully,



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