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I write you on behalf of Jessica Durinsky. Jessica's ability to be a good teacher has developed from her background experience. Jessica has a great work ethic. She has been on the University of Akron's Dean's List every semester and was awarded the Robert and Lucille Harris Scholarship in History. She has worked in customer service for Burger King, three years at Rustic Hills Country Club and referees soccer. During Thanksgiving and Christmas she volunteers for the Red Cross. Jessica observed, tutored and taught at Revere and North High Schools. She is also an avid soccer player and interested in coaching. These experiences helped in learning time management, importance of team work and leadership skills. These are all important in the teaching profession.

As her Student Teaching Advisor, I observed Jessica demonstrate innovative teaching strategies and solid skills in lesson execution in achieving her learning objectives. She demonstrated sound technology skills by making use of the internet and devising power point presentations. She implemented many forms of assessment including exams, projects, assignments, class participation and rubrics. Her lessons included relevance to the students, a variety of activities during class period and a good use of levels of questioning to create thinking. Jessica also worked hard to help students in developing their learning skills. Because she accepted criticism and reflected daily on her lessons, she was able to adjust and improve. Her lesson plans were well prepared and very organized. Jessica had good rapport with the students but also dressed and acted professional.

Jessica remained positive, used humor well and would be a good role model. I highly recommend Jessica to work with the education of youth and she would make an outstanding addition to your system. I've enjoyed teaching and coaching for thirty-nine years. If you need additional information concerning Jessica Durinsky, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald L. Skelley".

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