September 25, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to give a professional reference for Patricia Brandt. Patricia completed her Practicum I requirements in my 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom in the spring of 2016 through the University of Mary.

Patricia is an intelligent and conscientious individual who puts student learning first. Patricia willingly accepted responsibility in the classroom and showed initiative in providing high quality instruction. She was a reflective teacher who used observations, assessments, and feedback from me and from her university supervisors to continually improve her instruction. As one of her first experiences in the classroom as a teacher-in-training, Patricia made an effort to try a variety of classroom management techniques to ensure student learning and productivity. She sought out instructional and classroom management techniques that she could incorporate into her teaching as a Practicum I student and in future teaching placements. Patricia utilized technology in her lessons and was willing to use and learn about new technology to enhance the learning of her students. Patricia's desire to do her best for students was clearly evident in her interactions with students, colleagues, and her supervising teachers.

Through my experiences with Patricia, I recommend that she be considered for a teaching position in the future. Her experience, maturity, and work ethic will serve your students well.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to contact me at Northridge Elementary at 323-4210 or on my cell phone at 202-5357. I can also be reached at andrea\_sagsveen@bismarckschools.org.

Thank you,

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