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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I write on behalf of Tracy Andersen. I have had the pleasure of working with Tracy since 2012 at Colegio Nueva Granada in Bogota, Colombia. She is the quintessential learner and a thoughtful and reflective educator whose beliefs about education are deeply rooted in trusting and respecting students' intentions, interests and understandings. She consistently offers the best possible educational experience to her students striving continuously to improve her practice. Tracy's instructional practices help her students become flexible, independent thinkers who embrace their agency both in their classroom and throughout the school community.

Tracy has proven herself to not only be a highly skilled teacher, but a leader who strives to create a collaborative environment in which teachers throughout the school work not only to define the educational milestones necessary for students to advance, but also to improve continuously the methods for helping them reach those milestones. She has taken on a leadership role by facilitating her team's Professional Learning Community this year, as her team focuses on improving student vocabulary scores. Tracy is also a teacher sponsor of STUCO, our student council organization. In this capacity, she has helped spearhead a fundraising campaign that will create an Elementary School Edible Classroom. This project is the first of its kind in Bogota, and will allow our students the opportunity to learn about nutrition, science and incorporate out door learning into the curriculum.

Tracy is dedicated to offering the best possible educational experience to her students and is frequently able to come up with fresh, engaging approaches to the required curriculum. Tracy enthusiastically embraced the adoption of the Teachers College Reading and Writing Workshop from Columbia University. She has been a leader amongst her colleagues and has worked tirelessly with school leadership to ensure a successful implementation process for all of the Elementary School.

Tracy is truly a citizen of the world and a relationship-builder. I have been especially impressed with her ability to handle successfully the sometimes complicated interpersonal relationships with students, parents and colleagues and leave everyone feeling respected and in good cheer. This skill, coupled with integrity and dedication makes her an ideal candidate for a teaching position or any position she strives to attain.

Any school would be fortunate to have Tracy Andersen as a member of its community. I welcome the opportunity to speak with you at length about Tracy. My cell phone number is (57)310-310-7317 .

Sincerely,

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