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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to provide this letter of recommendation for Marilyn Schmid. I had the pleasure of having Marilyn in my *Mathematics Pedagogy and Curriculum in Elementary and Middle Grades* (TD 516) course during the fall semester of 2013 at Oakland University. I found Marilyn to be a future educator who has very strong subject matter knowledge and mature professional attitudes.

From the beginning of the semester, Marilyn expressed enthusiasm and interest in teaching mathematics to K-8 students. She demonstrated a high level of commitment, as evidenced by her perfect attendance record, always working cooperatively with classmates, and completing all of her course assignments on time and at a high level of quality. Marilyn's final course grade was 4.0 out of a possible 4.0. In addition to the required course assignments, Marilyn actively read research articles, books, and engaged in professional communications with others to expand her knowledge base and keep updated with the latest information.

I was also impressed with Marilyn's ability and interest in scholarly activities. Throughout the semester, Marilyn played a role of "critical friend" to me by providing careful and critical review of my past and current research studies. Her comments have sharpened my focus and allowed me to correct glaring errors. Based on the quality of her review and the depth of her thoughts, I believe that Marilyn has great potential as a teacher researcher. We have already discussed some research topics that she could implement in the elementary classroom setting. I hope that Marilyn will be able to conduct her classroom-based research studies in the near future.

I also want to add that Marilyn took the leadership role in and out of the class. I believe that Marilyn's active attitude and organization skills will allow her to work well with students and their parents, as well as with other teachers in the school. There is no doubt that she will do well in any classroom situation as a teacher.

As Marilyn's teacher, I recommend her highly without any reservation. Thank you for giving me a chance to recognize Marilyn's demonstrated competence and potential for becoming an outstanding member of the teaching profession. If I may be of further assistance to you, or answer any questions you may have, please feel free to contact me at (248) 370-2119. I would be proud to share my knowledge of Marilyn Schmid with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ji-Eun Lee'.

Ji-Eun Lee
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