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Dear Hiring Committee,

My name is Brian Puerling, I am a National Board Certified Teacher, author, consultant, and Director of Education Technology at Catherine Cook School in Chicago. I have known Brandy since I took my position in 2011. In my position, I have collaborated with Brandy on a number of projects, from identifying meaningful digital resources for her students, to developing the early nuts and bolts to a computer science initiative to serve our entire school.

In her classroom, I have observed Brandy use technology as a tool to provide authentic learning experiences for her students. She is skilled at using interactive whiteboards to enhance student engagement. She uses a document camera to invite her students to share their work with the entire class. I have seen her use iPads to create QR codes linked to videos of her students elaborating on their research conducted during a unit on Ancient Egypt. Brandy has introduced her students to movie making resources such as Windows Movie Maker and iMovie to provide them with the ability to create commercials, book trailers, and record interviews. In order to help her students begin to understand the early concepts of social media, she created a Tweet Tree where her students could share interesting pieces of information they had been learning. This Tweet Tree was featured in a Common Sense Media blog article in 2013.

This year, Brandy and I collaborated on a blog article for iPadEducators.ae, a resource for teachers hosted in Dubai. In our article, we discussed applications and online resources that can help teachers streamline their documentation and assessment processes. Scan the QR code to take a look at this article!

Brandy is a reflective, intentional, and organized teacher. She is one of those teachers who truly makes a difference in the lives of her students. Her family-like learning environment provides her students with the confidence and tools necessary to meet high standards and achieve new accomplishments. You would truly be lucky to have Brandy working with children and families. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



Sincerely,



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