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To whom this may concern,

I was asked to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mitchell Burdick as a professional reference. Mitchell has been a substitute teacher for myself and other math teachers in my department (6th through 8th grade) at Beach Middle School as one of the main substitutes in the building during the 2020-2021 school year. Also, Mitchell subbed for me and other teachers in the building since February 2018. He has shown a unique ability to connect with students and staff.

During the 2020-21 school year with various instruction methods like on-line only, hybrid, and all-in, face-to-face, Mitchell did an excellent job covering for teachers during their absences. He was able to cover their lesson plans as intended, create a learning environment, and interact with students in a positive manner. Mitchell would go above and beyond a typical sub. For instance, he would always follow up with teachers following their absence to make the lesson end results were understood by the teacher and if they had any questions for him. Many of my colleagues would remark that they were grateful for Mitchell substituting for them. He did substituting while working at the M-Den managing the store and taking accounting classes.

Mitchell was recognized for his high quality of substitute teaching and his work in his master's program in college. Here are the recognitions I am aware of: "You Make the Difference" EDUStaff Award Recipients - Chelsea School District-2020/2021 School Year; College of Business Academic Honors 2020/2021- EMU- Fall 2020 – Winter 2021 (3.85 GPA in his masters program); and "Staff Appreciation of the Month Award"- Beach Middle School, February 2021.

As his background shows, Michell is a strong candidate for a position as a math teacher. If you have any questions regarding Mitchell, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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