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To Whom It May Concern:

For the past two years, I've had the pleasure of team teaching with Ms. Anastasia Anisimova at Butte Elementary. She is a knowledgeable person, a student-centered teacher, and dedicated to the teaching profession.

In her 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom, Ms. Anisimova's students are excited to learn. They are held to high expectations, both academically and socially, and given the necessary support to succeed. Her thorough study of the Mat-Su School district's grade level standards provides a foundation for structuring lessons. She thoughtfully analyzes the unique differences among students and teaches a wide variety of creative lesson plans to suit them. She utilizes project-based lessons, district curriculum, researched-based and innovative interventions including Brain Pop and Prodigy. There are also ample opportunities in her classroom for students to use higher level thinking skills and for them to learn and develop the appropriate social-emotional skills.

As a team teacher and member of the Butte Elementary faculty, Anastasia is invaluable. She's available to discuss grade-level concerns and problem solve solutions to improve students' successes. Twice a week she teaches art club with another teacher at Butte Elementary. This year she volunteered to pilot a social-emotional curriculum for the district and became a part of the Butte Trauma-Sensitive Cohort.

Overall, Anastasia is very conscientious and compassionate. Her positive attitude and upbeat personality are energizing to students, parents, and co-workers. I feel she would make positive contributions to any school for which she applied.

Sincerely,



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