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Recommendation for Anastasia Anisimova

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I am pleased to recommend Mrs. Anastasia Anisimova for her K-8 teaching certificate. Anastasia completed her student teaching experience for the Elementary Master of Arts in Teaching Program, University of Alaska Southeast, during the Spring Semester, 2017. Her assignment was a grade 6-8 English Language Arts classroom at Teeland Middle School in Wasilla, Alaska, under the supervision of host teacher Connie Bamburg. Anastasia was responsible for planning, teaching and assessment for well over the 6 required weeks, and she was able to teach in all content areas during this time- as arranged with the other content area teachers. As her university supervisor, I visited Anastasia's classroom for extended periods during the semester.

Anastasia met all and exceeded some of the Alaska Beginning Teacher Expectations during this experience. She will be able to share with you a professional portfolio that highlights these accomplishments, including her ability to plan, teach and evaluate curriculum (a backward design unit), and her ability to use data to improve student performance (a teacher work sample).

Anastasia has had a wide variety of life experiences, which have, among other things, assisted her with creating a strong rapport with her students. She cares about students and their learning needs. During instruction, Anastasia held high expectations for all students, provided hands on and experiential learning. She created a number of original units and presented original lessons regularly. The projects that she assigned were interesting and demanding and many of the students rose to the occasion. Classroom management was based on the structures established at the beginning of school and Anastasia learned how to make them work for her.

Anastasia has a great personality for being a teacher. She is energetic and dynamic and a hard worker. She is creative and she expects a lot from her students and from herself. If anything, Anastasia will need to slow her enthusiasm to a speed where the students can keep up with her. She would solicit feedback and would put our suggestions into action.

Anastasia Anisimova has completed a rigorous graduate teacher preparation program. She will make a welcome and willing addition to any school faculty, and hopefully, one day, a school leader. I would be happy to offer further information if you wish to contact me at (907) 696-1303 or eahartley@alaska.edu.

Sincerely,
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