

To the Administrative Team:

I am pleased to submit a letter of professional support for Eleanor Forstater, who is seeking a full-time teaching position as a Social Studies teacher. During the fall term, 2017, I supervised Eleanor during her student teaching experience at Northeast High School in Philadelphia. It is in this context that I offer unreserved support of her application for a teaching position in your school.

During my visits to the high school I observed Eleanor several times each month in a variety of classes. At each visit I experienced a classroom atmosphere that was welcoming and personalized for students, with priority placed on effective use of instructional time. While her lessons were structured around appropriate PA standards and the school's curriculum guidelines, Eleanor took the initiative to amplify resources and materials that were on-hand. Her personal experiences outside of school and her passion for history contributed to lessons that were planned to make course content relevant and accessible to students at appropriate levels of difficulty. Eleanor's students were diverse in their ethnicities, academic experiences, and goals; her interactions and feedback to them demonstrated that she was committed to each one's success in school. Eleanor's classroom was consistently a safe place to learn – physically, intellectually, and socially.

Supported by her Mentor, Eleanor gradually took responsibility for all aspects of daily classroom practice. Her confidence, knowledge, adaptability, and skills grew during the student teaching experience. Among her demonstrated competencies as lead teacher were planning, instruction, and assessment in academic and honors-level classes; providing timely feedback to students about their progress; managing routines and records in accordance with school and classroom policies; applying appropriate technology for lessons and grading; communicating with parents about students' strengths and needs; and participating in professional development among colleagues. In all of these, she proved to be proficient and professional.

It is my belief that Eleanor Forstater will bring an admirable combination of aptitude and attitude to her interactions with students, parents, and colleagues. I encourage you to offer her favorable consideration for a professional position. Please feel welcome to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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