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To whom it may concern:

Writing this letter of recommendation for Mrs. Dalcione Reis Vollink is a pleasure. As Coordinator of the Department of Education Grant 625 regarding MCAS preparation, I have had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Vollink for two years. During this time, I had the opportunity to observe and evaluate Mrs. Vollink's scaffolded and differentiated instruction and management. Mrs. Vollink is a consummate professional whose main goal is for pupil success.

Mrs. Vollink's organizational skills impacted her classroom management so that all pupils could be included in lesson activities and were held accountable for their own learning experiences no matter what their ability. While creating a warm, nurturing learning environment, Mrs. Vollink maintained classroom standards while earning the cooperation and respect of all students. Students were excited about their learning because of Mrs. Vollink's enthusiasm.

Mrs. Vollink framed her curriculum around essential questions about the purposefulness of math and focused her lessons on real-world application of basic skills. Her lessons always aligned with the *Mathematics Curriculum Framework*, and content was also presented in a variety of ways to assess pupil understanding. Mrs. Vollink's plans always included a "reflection" piece to which she related insightful details about curriculum planning, implementation and modification.

Mrs. Vollink has always supported building and district initiatives and contributed candidly and positively during planning meetings. I recommend Mrs. Vollink for any teaching position for which she applies. She will remain steadfast in her quest for excellence in education.

Sincerely,

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