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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of Recommendation - Ms. Megan Dean

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Dean in support of her application for the position of school counselor at your institution. I have known Ms. Dean for two years since she enrolled in our school counseling program. I had the pleasure of teaching Ms. Dean in my Organization and Administration of School Counseling Programs course (a course that prepares students to develop comprehensive school counseling programs for grades K–12). In this course, she learned the value of applying holistic approaches, as recommended by the American School Counseling Association, to address students' academic, career, and personal/social needs. She stood out quite early in the class because of her warm personality, and her genuine interest in the class discussions. She was prepared, engaged, and conscientious about her academics. Her individual and group work samples were exemplary.

Ms. Dean understands the complexities of the school as a system, and she is prepared to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to address the needs of all students. During her studies in our program, she completed 700 hours of field experience under the supervision of her site supervisors and her faculty supervisors. She is passionate about helping to close any achievement or opportunity gaps that may exist within the school system. Again, her warm personality will serve her well as she is able to work with diverse individuals from various backgrounds.

One of Ms. Dean's endearing qualities is her leadership abilities. Throughout her time as a graduate student, she served as a mentor to our new students in the school counseling program. As a mentor, she met with the new students during our New Students Orientation (an event that is organized to help students get acclimated to the program). She met with her mentees to welcome them to the program, and had scheduled intermittent meetings to address any student related questions such as balancing school and work, or securing field experience sites. A perusal at her resume shows that Ms. Dean has extraordinary leadership qualities that would make her



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effective as a school counselor. I have no doubt that she will be a valuable asset to your students, but most importantly, she will be an eager learner.

Reflecting on my interactions with Ms. Dean, I have no hesitation in recommending her for the school counselor position at your school. She will certainly represent the WCU Counselor Education department well. Please feel free to contact me if I can assist further.

Yours sincerely,

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