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For the last four years, I have worked with Ms. Wulff as she has served students in the Ankeny Community School District. During this time, I have had many opportunities to observe the skills that she possesses as a teacher-leader. These skills make her an outstanding candidate for a teaching and/or leadership position in any district.

During Ms. Wulff's time in Ankeny, she has emerged as a true teacher-leader, both in and out of the classroom. In the classroom, Ms. Wulff implements top-quality 21<sup>st</sup> Century teaching practices that focus on critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity. She creates opportunities for students to choose and investigate their own topics, explore their thinking about topics, and engage in a variety of activities that assist them as they internalize important ideas.

Her expertise is not limited to the classroom. During the 2011-12 school year, Ms. Wulff played a critical role on the K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Review Team. Her leadership helped her department revise and unpack standards that made social studies engaging for students on higher-levels of thinking while focusing on citizenship and a global perspective.

During Ms. Wulff's tenure at Ankeny, she has emerged as a true teacher-leader while encouraging and implementing many concepts designed to increase student learning and participation. Renee has provided a motivating environment for students and her fellow teachers to explore new knowledge and strategies that serve to improve learning. It is my opinion that Ms. Wulff is an extremely effective teacher-leader.

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