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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter of recommendation is for Jim McCue; he was my coworker this past year, and I was his mentor teacher. Consequently, I had opportunity to observe his teaching several times. I feel that he has an extremely good understanding of the structure of mathematics and which topics are the most important to emphasize. He knows how to teach math by breaking each topic into steps and uses the correct vocabulary. Because he has been an engineer, he also has a repertoire of practical examples where math can be used on the job and in the home. He develops projects for his students so they can learn to apply math in their daily lives. He has good classroom control; his students were normally in the classroom, on task, and paying attention to his teaching. Jim is continually planning ways to make his classroom management even more effective.

Jim has a very energetic personality. He is always friendly and helpful. He did tutoring and a lot of volunteer work, especially helping at football games and track practice. I think he will be an asset at any school.

Sincerely,

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