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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Kevin Deck for many years, first as one of my graduate students in Kennesaw State University's Master of Education program and then as a professional colleague as he worked with our teacher education program to help train our secondary mathematics student teachers and interns.

Kevin took a number of my graduate mathematics courses and in each course was my "star pupil." He rose to every challenge, always contributing unique and accurate solutions which, with a little coaxing, he shared with the rest of the class. Although Kevin certainly demonstrated that he has an appreciation for and a deep understanding of the intricacies of mathematics simply because he enjoys the content, it was always apparent that his goal in the graduate program was to advance his own content and pedagogical knowledge for the benefit of his students. Kevin personifies the goal of being a "life-long" learner. He continually seeks ways to improve his own teaching—always with the goal of how it will affect his students' understanding of mathematics. He received the award for Outstanding Graduate Student for the College of Education in 2005.

Kevin is currently Mathematics Department Chair at Kennesaw Mountain High School in Cobb County, Georgia. He oversees a large and diverse math faculty and is highly respected by his fellow colleagues. Kevin has been instrumental in supporting our secondary math student teacher/intern field experiences at his school. Every semester we know we can depend on him to place several of our student teachers with his cooperating teachers for fifteen weeks. During that time period we know that we can rely on Kevin to monitor each student placement and inform us as to progress/problems. We certainly appreciate this spirit of cooperation!

As a recognized leader in our local mathematics community, Kevin has served for the past three years on KSU's Mathematics Education Advisory Board. This group functions to ensure that our teacher education program is aligned with the goals and needs of our local districts and also serves as a forum for issues affecting mathematics education locally and statewide. Kevin's input has been invaluable as we have dealt with many concerns and adjusted our program accordingly. His familiarity with our program and his leadership role in his school have given him an advantage in helping us implement changes.

In summary, whether Kevin is taking a class, teaching a class, leading a department, or serving on a committee, he always manages to maintain a positive attitude and a wonderful sense of humor. His supportive and collaborative approach to his work is commendable. He has been a true asset to his department and our mathematics community as a whole.

Sincerely,

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