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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of reference for **Laura Doney** .

Laura Doney was a student at St. Mary's University in the Bachelor of Education (Elementary) After Degree program. I am a Faculty Advisor for St. Mary's University College, having held this position for seven years. I am also an instructor in the education program. Previously, I was an elementary school assistant principal and teacher for a total of 37 years.

I had the pleasure of being Laura's Faculty Advisor for EDPR 737, a ten week practicum. I got to observe her teach a Grade 4/5 class and she was outstanding. As well, as a student in my class Laura was certainly a student who stood out for many reasons.

In class Laura consistently went above and beyond in all of the work assigned. Her papers and projects were completed with attention to detail and with thoughtfulness about the way in which she might one day use the information with students.

In the classroom Laura was a motivated and enthusiastic student teacher who developed very positive relationships with students and the staff. Her well-planned lessons were designed to engage students in learning. I would also describe Laura as observant, organized, reflective and supportive.

Laura carefully organized the experiences I observed, in ways that optimized success for learners. One of the things I most remember is that she took the task of assessment very seriously and developed a resource of material that was more carefully completed than many teachers I have evaluated.

In conclusion, I find Laura Doney to be a caring and warm person who has a very strong work ethic. Her strengths lie in building positive relationships, in developing well-planned lessons using a variety of teaching techniques and in being a reflective practitioner. She worked diligently to support students and to create a positive learning environment. I believe she will be successful in whatever she chooses to do.

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Sincerely,

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