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To Whom it May Concern:

I am delighted to write this reference on behalf of Ms. Abigail Brown. I have had the pleasure to know and work with Ms. Brown for the past two school years at Bellevue Elementary School. As the principal, I supervised her work as the fifth grade Chairperson and Science Lead Teacher. As the fifth grade lead she works well with all of her teammates to collaborate on grade level needs, curriculum pacing, and special programs. In addition to these responsibilities, she is also the inclusion classroom teacher for the fifth grade, meaning her classes are composed of English language learners, special education students, as well as general education students. She works very closely with her special education co-teacher with whom she communicates well and has a positive relationship. She truly thrives in this environment and always puts in extra work to ensure that all of her students are successful through rigorous and engaging lessons, and thoughtful planning. Her pedagogical methods along with her drive, great energy and enthusiasm make her a true asset to have here at Bellevue.

Ms. Brown has also greatly impressed me with her commitment to lifelong learning. She often makes time in her schedule to attend professional development on a vast range of subjects, particularly focusing on reading instructional practices, trauma informed care, and social emotional learning. In addition to all of her teaching responsibilities, she has also taken on an English as a Second Language endorsement program at the University of Virginia where she has been very successful. She enjoys teaching science and math, but her real passions are languages and linguistics. She has taught herself Spanish and French and can speak both conversationally, and has taken up learning Korean as a hobby.

Ms. Brown's love for her students is apparent as soon as you walk into her classroom through the teacher-student discourse, classroom environment and the significant level of interest she takes in her students. The students are complimentary of her as they enjoy her patient and compassionate demeanor. I particularly enjoy the community building that she works into her lessons, where her students write and publish books together, work on real experiments, create

movies and news castings, have debates, and more. She finds ways to motivate all students to succeed and enjoy school.

Her combination of intelligence, commitment, perseverance, and compassionate characteristics will certainly make her a valuable member of your school. I encourage you to look favorably upon her application. Please feel free to contact me at vhines@rvaschools.net or (804) 316-8033.

Sincerely,

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Principal