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To Whom It May Concern:

The following information is being provided at the request of Elaine Cooperman for a letter of recommendation with regard to her application for a teaching position. I have known Ms. Cooperman since 11/02, when she began tutoring my high school age daughter in Honors Geometry. She tutored her through the remainder of the school year and is currently tutoring my middle school aged daughter in GT Algebra I.

In the course of working with my children, Ms. Cooperman has demonstrated a number of qualities that pertain to her capability as a mathematics teacher. According to both children, Ms. Cooperman listens for where they do not understand and explains the material in a step by step manner, which has allowed them to grasp the concepts, as well as whatever computation process was involved. She also guides their learning process, without doing the work for them. She consistently maintains an approachable and work-oriented manner, as well as conveys an attitude of being genuinely interested in each child and their learning process. She has encouraged them to call her in between the tutoring sessions if they need additional assistance and has been responsive, as well as clear with me in providing feedback on the children's progress. She is prompt with her starting times and keeps to the agreed upon schedule consistently.

Because I was so impressed with Ms. Cooperman as a tutor, I recommended her to several other families in our community. In talking with the other parents, I have heard nothing but positive comments on her work with their children.

Our experience in using Ms. Cooperman as a tutor leads me to recommend her without any reservations for a teaching position. I hope this information will be useful to you in reviewing her qualifications. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Karen S. Goldberg