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Dear Evergreen Graduate Admissions Office,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Nicholas Nunley. I have known Nick almost his entire life and had the honor of being his first grade teacher, looping to second grade with him, and supervising him his senior year during his internship for his Careers in Education class.

Nick is an exceptional candidate for a Masters in Teaching Program. We certainly need enthusiastic teachers who love working with children and who want to make a difference in their lives. Nick is definitely one of those people. He has spent much of his time working with children and preparing for a career as an educator. In high school, he volunteered to supervise children while parents were participating in the Get Ready for Kindergarten program. While taking an early childhood education class, he worked with preschoolers and created and taught a lesson about planets and one about fire safety. In his Careers in Ed. class, he observed several classrooms from k-12 and created classroom setup diagrams. He also designed lesson plans which he implemented with the students. My first graders thoroughly enjoyed having him help out in the classroom and teach them lessons. Nick volunteered to supervise staff members' children while they received professional development training. This year, he volunteered at the Puget Sound Estuarium as an interpreter, giving visitors information about the animals and their habitats.

Nick knows the value of education. He has made school a priority and worked hard to keep his grades up while holding down a job at Five Guys Restaurant. He received the Employee of the Month award at his job based on his performance, customer service, and work ethic. He is a very positive, upbeat person who is very easy to get along with. He has a natural ability to engage with children and put them at ease. He is good-natured and makes learning fun. I have full confidence in his ability to work hard and complete a Masters in Teaching program. Throughout his years at Sidney Glen Elementary, he took to heart one of our sayings, "Persevere with Grit". He has certainly done that as he has grown into a very responsible and fine young man. He doesn't give up, even when things are difficult. I truly believe that he will be a wonderful addition and find great success in your Masters in Teaching Program.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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