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To Whom it May Concern:

As consultants with the National Urban Alliance for Effective Education (NUE), Mr. Price and I worked closely together for more than seven years leading professional development programs in literacy for groups of kindergarten through eighth grade teachers.

During that period we led literally hundreds of centralized workshops and school site visits with classroom demonstration lessons in the public schools of Indianapolis, Seattle, and Minneapolis. It was intense work focused on helping teachers of urban underperforming students deepen and refine their skills in teaching reading, writing, and thinking skills.

Mr. Price's many talents and his knowledge is wide-ranging. He stands out as a literacy consultant because of his unique combination of artistic creativity, unwavering commitment to excellence, and his skills and understanding of the use of technology to excite students and support their learning.

His high standards are always very evident. He spends days preparing for a workshop, searching out materials and resources, and fine-tuning his presentation of teaching strategies. The teachers' evaluations of his workshops indicated his success. It was rare when he would receive less than an average of 4.5 on a 5 point scale.

His reputation for site visits was stellar. During the site visits he actively involved teachers in practicing new teaching strategies in their classrooms. Organizing the participants in collegial coaching teams, he led them in observations of each other as they tried new teaching strategies with their students. Included in these group observations were effective briefing and debriefing with supportive feedback.

In his interactions with practicing teachers, Mr. Price's knowledge of the research on teacher change and how new teaching strategies become a part of teachers' repertoires was evident and was passed on to the group.

Because of the long and in depth opportunities to get to know Mr. Price, his skills and knowledge, his work with teachers, and his work ethic, I highly recommend him for any advanced degree program to which he applies.

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