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To Whom It May Concern,

It has been my pleasure to know and work with Ariana Bakalo, as a student teacher in my 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom. She was an extremely integral part of our learning environment, providing one on one support when needed and delivering both whole and small group instruction in the areas of science, math, and reading. Not only did she foster academic understanding, but she displayed compassion, dedication, and professionalism to meet the students' emotional needs as well.

Ariana excelled by providing structure, organization and academic challenges, vital to the achievement of the students. She modified lessons to incorporate the multiple learning modalities to assist the students in internalizing the lesson. Moreover, her energetic and can-do attitude motivated all of the students within the classroom to do their best.

Furthermore, Ariana's behavior management skills were blossoming. During times of emotional crisis, she was able to jump into action and take charge of the group, to protect and maintain the dignity of a child who was having a difficult moment. She was able to command the attention of all 19 students.

Ariana maintained positive and supportive relationships with the staff here at Otsego Elementary School. She was a team player, who enjoyed and welcomed a collaborative effort in planning for the academic and behavioral needs of the children, with whom she worked. She is a charismatic, honest, caring, compassionate, and supportive individual who has the ability to see and bring out the best in children. Her selflessness is only outweighed by her generosity and willingness to help.

My overall impression of Ariana is that she will be successful in any endeavor and an asset to any organization. I am happy to answer any questions you have regarding Ariana. Please feel free to contact me at (516) 313-7491.

Thank You,  
Michael Kuschel