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Dear Ms. Wolf,

This letter is to recommend Mrs. Jessica Scaggs for admission to Michigan State University's Master's of Educational Technology program. I have worked with Jessica at Windemere Park Charter Academy for the past two and a half years. With a positive mindset and great determination Jessica took on very challenging classes when she filled our middle school science position mid-year. Jessica quickly learned the curriculum and brought science to life for her students. She earned the respect of both her colleagues and students with her determination, knowledge of her subject matter, teamwork and strength of character.

Over the past two years, Jessica has also shared her knowledge of technology with both her students and the other teachers at the school. She has impressed the school community with her self-created website that she incorporates into her classroom teaching and, also, uses as a way to connect and communicate with families. Last year, a Smart Board was installed in her classroom and she quickly made it a focal point in her classroom, using it daily for interactive instruction. I have also had the privilege to work with Jessica in our media center, where she has successfully guided her students through integrated lessons using PowerPoint, Excel, and the Internet. Her students are always engaged and leave with a great understanding of both the application used and of the science content taught.

For the past two years, Jessica has been an active member of our Technology committee, and even took on the role as chairperson this year. In this leadership role, she has helped lead staff in their continued growth in technology by providing assistance to individuals, arranging opportunities for afterschool professional development, giving tech tips at staff meetings and by being an excellent example.

Jessica's knowledge of her subject matters, including technology, her commitment to excellence and her ability to connect with both her students and her colleagues have made her a true asset to our school community. I have no reservation in recommending Mrs. Jessica Scaggs for admission to MSU's Master's of Educational Technology program.

Sincerely,

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