Dear Board of Graduate School,

It’s my honor and pleasure to provide this letter of recommendation for Lei Wang as she was nominated for the Outstanding TA Award. As the principal of CNY Chinese School, I’ve enjoyed having Lei as a volunteer on the teaching team for the first graders from American families, fourth graders, and sixth graders for Chinese American families. We appreciate her and her contributions to our school community.

Lei started her teaching career with us since 2019. She brought with her solid training in pedagogical methods and teaching abilities, along with great energy and enthusiasm. She introduced several activities in class, and she use different methods to guide students in Chinese listening, writing, speaking, and reading. Students have made great progress in their Chinese abilities. Although the students are young, she uses creative competitions and activities to encourage students to take notes, showing respect, write Chinese characters, and talking about Chinese culture. For example, to help the students remember the expressions in Chinese, she plays the game named “down carrots” with her students. Students choose from the Chinese characters and make a nickname. They learn to speak the expressions very well by playing the game.

Lei also impressed me with her personality. She is outgoing and creative, and she thinks outside the box. She has shown excellent classroom management skills and developed a rapport with students, colleagues, and parents that is characterized by mutual respect. At the end of last year, I had a parent come to me specifically to praise Lei's teaching and the impact she's had on her son.

Lei has my highest recommendation for the Outstanding TA Award, and I look forward to learning more about the accomplishments that lie in her professional future. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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