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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Tom Torrento. I have had the good fortune to be Tom's mentor this year, and I strongly believe that he would be an excellent candidate for a teaching position in your school district.

Tom has a strong foundation in music education and a passion for teaching. Tom consistently seeks out professional development in the newest and most effective techniques and strategies, often outside of the school day, on his personal time. Additionally, he is always eager to share his learning with his peers during Professional Learning Committee meetings.

Tom possesses all of the necessary qualities of a successful teacher. He is organized, positive and confident in his teaching. He treats his students with kindness and respect while remaining calm and firm in more difficult situations. Additionally, Tom brings that special creative "spark" to his teaching. His use of music and humor help him to connect with his students and inspire positive behavior. Tom also has the ability to solve problems creatively, especially with the extremely limited budget that is assigned to his department. Through the use of grants, appeals to community leaders and sheer creativity, Tom has increased participation in our school music programs, repaired student instruments and produced incredible concerts for our community.

On a personal level, Tom is a loyal, reliable, and kind, with an engaging personality. I know that he would make an amazing contribution to any staff.

If I can be of any further assistance, or if I can provide you with any other information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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