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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I highly recommend Mr. Jeffry Steele for a Music Teacher position in your school district. I came to know Mr. Steele when he became a long term substitute teacher at my school, Woodland Elementary, in April 2010. As a second grade teacher at Woodland and the parent of a kindergartener at Woodland, I was immediately impressed with Mr. Steele's musical background, ability to engage students and his enthusiasm for teaching music.

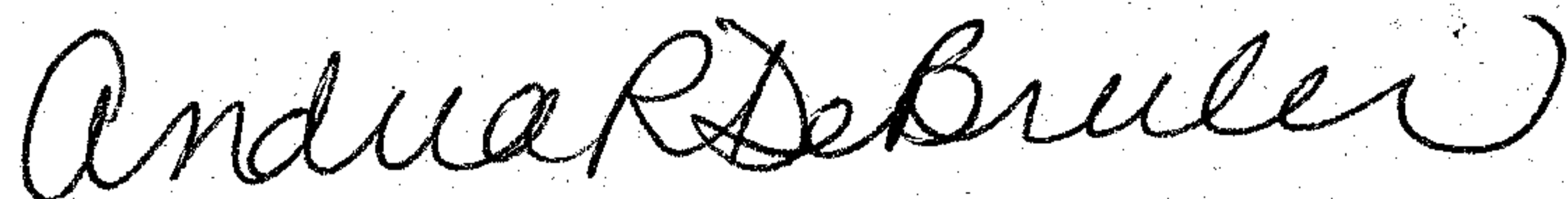
I have been a teacher for fourteen years and have worked with many music teachers in my career. However, Mr. Steele stands out from other music teachers that I have worked with. He is an incredibly talented musician and he demonstrates a genuine passion for teaching children about music. I noticed that Mr. Steele has an understanding of the developmental abilities of elementary students. He used hand motions and movement patterns to teach the kindergarteners and second graders musical skills and exposed the older students to instruments and music notation.

It did not take long for Mr. Steele to understand that classroom management is critical to success in school. He spent time outside of the school day to clean and organize the music classroom and to research behavior management systems that he could implement. Mr. Steele also identified difficult to manage students and found ways for them to be successful in music class. Additionally, he spent portions of his planning periods teaching third grade students how to play instruments in order to enhance a class play, Americans All, which students performed for their families.

Mr. Steele requested to host a sing along at a student recognition assembly in May. He collaborated with second grade teachers and students to create sing along posters so that parents who may not be familiar with the songs could participate and enjoy the fun! He also led additional sing alongs in many of the grade levels that he taught, recorded the songs on his I-Pod and uploaded them to his website so that parents could enjoy the music at home and see what their children had learned.

In closing, I highly recommend Mr. Jeffry Steele for a Music Teacher position in your school district. He would truly be an asset to any music program.

Sincerely,



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