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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I provide this letter of recommendation for Jeffry Hamilton Steele in support of his application for a teaching position in your school system.

Jeffry Steele is a dynamic, creative musician who has worked as the Choral Artist at the Ford School for four years as part of the Metropolitan Opera Guild's *Urban Voices Choral Initiative*. Students looked forward to their *Urban Voices* class each week and worked hard to improve their singing under his direction. Not only did his six classes perform admirably for the school community at year's end, but gave impromptu performances throughout the year for classrooms not participating in the program.

He speaks Spanish, and has taught songs in Spanish, Khmer, French and African languages. The majority of songs have been in English, and we have appreciated his choice of appealing repertoire that enhances children's language acquisition as well as musical skills. That he is a professional classical guitarist has been an added bonus, allowing him to accompany students while moving about the room to evaluate individual voices. He would also burn CDs that allowed classroom teachers to reinforce the learning of songs.

Jeffry proved to be easy-going, reliable and positive. He was responsive to administrative needs as well as those of the students. I heartily recommend Jeffry for any music position in your system and assure you that he will function within the highest standards and expectations you have. Feel free to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Claire Crane  
Principal