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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this recommendation for Jeffrey Steele. Mr. Steele taught guitar and chorus at Chelsea High School this past school year. He is a wonderful musician and possesses a very extensive practical and theoretical understanding of the subjects he teaches. Mr. Steele is always interested in finding effective instructional methodologies and open to experimenting with different methods that he feels will engage students. He cares deeply about his students and pays positive, individual attention to them in order to help them with the material and to encourage them to do their best. He is very enthusiastic about engaging students and is creative in his attempts to maximize participation. He feels very strongly that one of his primary roles as a teacher is to inspire his students to consistently push beyond what they think they are capable of doing. This is a great quality in a teacher and one that is not as common as one might think. You will also find that Mr. Steele is always willing to work with colleagues on strategies to help students meet high standards. One example of his success at Chelsea High School is that his chorale students performed beautifully at the graduation ceremony this year. Everyone complimented the performance and many claimed it was the best and most inspired graduation performance in years.

Please feel free to call me at any time if you have any questions regarding Mr. Steele's professional qualities or his tenure at Chelsea High School.

Sincerely,

Patrick Schultz
Assistant Principal