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To Whom It May Concern:

I have often advised my student teachers that a music teacher needs to be prepared for any situation. Unlike most traditional classrooms, a music teacher's can change drastically from year to year in response to a district's changing needs. A band director may go his entire career without having to teach anything beyond a wind ensemble, but that is rarely the case. Music theory, guitar, basketball band, marching band, orchestra, chorus, color guard, and even video production are all areas that band directors have been asked to cover.

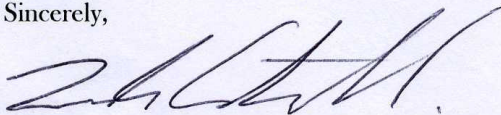
I have had the pleasure of knowing Keith Reeves both professionally and personally since January of 2004. He is one of the finest educators I have ever worked with, and not just because he is exceptionally good at what he does. What has always impressed me most about Keith is the level of excellence at which he operates in so many different areas. His résumé stands as a testament to his ability to cover a very wide spectrum of our field and beyond. While many highly qualified candidates will present themselves, not many will understand the full k-12 music and technology curriculum like Keith. He is like the most excellent architect who spent his early years working in the many different aspects of building construction and knows what really is behind his finished design.

The adage "jack of all trades, master of none" does not apply to Keith. He has achieved success at every level he has taught, both as a music teacher and a technology resource teacher. I will not recite the contents of his résumé, but I hope that you will know that it is not hype. Keith does not undertake a project without striving for the highest level of achievement. He is passionate about education and preparing his students for whatever their next step may be.

I believe that Keith Reeves is one of the most honest, fair, and ethical people I have ever met. His commitment to equality is inspiring, and his treatment of the people he meets, works with, and teaches is always professional. I know he could have excelled in many different fields, but as a music educator I am very thankful he chose mine.

I would love the opportunity to talk to you more about his fantastic qualities as an educator and hope that you will contact me.

Sincerely,



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