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To Whom it may concern:

I am very happy to write this letter of recommendation and support for Anetta Siemianowicz, who is applying to your school district. Ms. Siemianowicz completed her students teaching experience with me in the fall of 2019, having taught middle school and elementary school children with me for 8 weeks. Her teaching experience included grades 4-5 at Dawes and Oakton elementary schools and grades 6-8 at Chute Middle School.

Anetta duties included assisting with recruitment of new students in the elementary schools, communications with parents, student, and staff, demonstration assemblies, requiring her performance on several instruments, and helping students select the appropriate instrument for themselves. Lessons for both first year and second year students began shortly after recruitment. Anetta led and assisted with all of the elementary school classes.

Chute Middle School houses grades 6-8, for which there are two levels of Concert Bands, two Jazz Bands, and a Beginning Band. Ms. Siemianowicz worked with all of these groups, but took the lead especially with the 6th grade Concert Band and the lessons associated with this ensemble. She also spent significant time working with the 7/8th grade band and their lessons. She was engaging with the students, challenged them to be their best, and helped them to continue in their musical development as an ensemble. The students selected and transitioned to color instruments during her time with the 6th grade band. She coached students as they tried out and chose from this challenging, broader range of instruments. Anetta also planned and led the daily sectionals, which consisted of technical, rhythmic, and musical portions. Her work with Concert Band focused especially on musical interpretation with the students, and she utilized technology to teach and reinforce lessons.

Anetta was able to engage all of her students and took the time to learn about each student's strengths and weaknesses through individual interactions, IEP's, observation, and taking the time to learn each student's name. She provided valuable assistance with all of the office duties associated with teaching instrumental music. She was independent and decisive, taking the initiative when matters arose that required attention. Ms. Siemianowicz was a good team member who is ready to walk into any program and provide quality instruction and leadership.

Anetta's maturity, confidence, musicianship, and love for music will make her a valuable addition to your staff. She is creative, innovative, compassionate, and willing to go the extra mile for each and every child. Ms. Siemianowicz is a wonderful musician and teacher, and was well liked by the students. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you might have.

Sincerely,

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