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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Adele Mann, and I am the orchestra teacher at Prairie View Elementary School and orchestra assistant at Rome Corners Elementary School in the Oregon School District, Oregon, WI. I am writing on behalf of Amanda Kinney, music teacher and fourth grade choral director at Prairie View Elementary School in the Oregon School District, Oregon, WI.

Amanda is an excellent teacher. She relates well with her students, has extremely strong knowledge of music and the sequence necessary to teach musical concepts. Her lessons are engaging and she utilizes many different approaches to teaching music. She teaches singing from different cultures, genres and styles. In addition to piano, she uses guitar, Orff instruments and recorders to teach songs and note reading. She has developed many games that introduce, reinforce and review reading music, different musical concepts, music history and musical instruments. She is well organized, articulate and works well with other staff members. She has excellent classroom management and is a true music advocate dedicated to teaching each student to their optimal potential.

I have seen great improvement in the musical knowledge my own students have acquired by the time they enter the orchestra classroom in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. They have a better understanding of reading music and therefore learn music more easily and can advance farther in a shorter period of time.

Sincerely,

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