



Oregon School District

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Amanda Kinney, a highly qualified candidate for your teaching position. I have worked with Amanda during the past two school years in my position as the New Teacher Mentor for the Oregon School District and have had the opportunity to observe various aspects of her teaching skills on many occasions.

While at Prairie View Elementary School, Amanda has been employed as the Music teacher for students in Kindergarten through fourth grade. I have had the opportunity to see her skillfully guide students in learning and practicing rhythm patterns, movement with music, the use of instruments, and music performance. She has developed and directed the greatly successful Winter Concert for the entire school body as well as a spring musical performance of Peter Rabbit. Amanda is dedicated to lifelong learning and professional growth. She has demonstrated this by attending a series of professional development opportunities on topics related to positive classroom management, communicating with parents, differentiating instruction, assessing student learning, and reflective practice in addition to completing a course on Love and Logic.

Amanda has been able to establish good rapport with both colleagues and students throughout the school. Her ability to motivate and engage children with creative activities has made her a valuable asset in the school. She also has demonstrated excellent organizational skills, reliability, and flexibility. Amanda is self motivated and is able to follow tasks through to completion independently. She has been able to uphold her responsibilities with good personal initiative and with a positive attitude.

I highly recommend Amanda for a position teaching music. If you have any further questions with regard to her instructional practice, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information listed below.

Sincerely,

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