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RE: Meghan Wald

To Whom it may concern:

Meghan Wald has been a student of mine for several years at Kutztown University, and she was always a pleasure to have in every class and also as a student teacher in the Spring of 2021. I know her well and am pleased to recommend her for a music teaching position in the elementary, middle or high school levels.

Meghan brings many strengths to the field. She is equally capable of teaching instrumental, choral and general music. She communicates well with students, has a vast amount of knowledge in designing, developing, implementing and evaluating instruction and curriculum, is very capable in her use of technology, and she works well with students in differentiated learning circumstances. She takes constructive criticism well and works hare to improve her teaching. Meghan is an excellent woodwind musician as well as a thoughtful and enthusiastic performer and teacher. As a teacher, she is organized, structured, detailed, driven, and very knowledgeable in pedagogy and developmentally appropriate practice. She is a strong musician, able to demonstrate and model excellent musical skills to children, and if a choral or band program should fall under her responsibilities, she will excel in both. She is a natural leader and conductor with excellent sensitivity to musical performance. Meghan is also very well-prepared to teach online as needed, as she complete her student teaching experiences during the Spring of 2021 with the COVID-19 issues affecting all school instruction.

Meghan is a first-rate scholar, she writes exceptionally well and knowledgeably, and she also knows how to communicate her ideas clearly and succinctly. She has an inquiring mind and will investigate an area to make sure she fully understands. She will be an excellent scholarly example for your students. Additionally, Meghan has served as the NAfME Collegiate President of the KU Chapter and has helped rebuild the organization into a stronger one.

If you would require more information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Meghan would be an excellent and successful teacher and colleague in any school that is fortunate to hire her.

Sincerely,

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