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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Cecilia Detrich on a professional and personal level now for fifteen years. We both started as itinerant teachers servicing the same three elementary schools. We ultimately wound up working side by side for the last 10 years at [REDACTED] Elementary School. Having completed my twenty-first year of teaching, I understand the qualities needed to be a successful and effective teacher. I feel that Cecilia is an excellent candidate for any Art position your school district has to offer. Cecilia is a kind and caring individual who accepts people for who they are, and finds the good in all people. She has a strong work ethic and she is a self-motivator. Cecilia meets challenges with enthusiasm and professionalism and would be an asset to any school.

Cecilia is excellent with children. I have seen her work with both special needs children and regular ed. students in school. She treats all children with the loving respect to which they are entitled. Cecilia instinctively knows how to handle children so that their innermost potential is discovered. I have seen Cecilia gently bring back into control those children who can be "over the top" in terms of behavior. I have also seen Cecilia bring those children who are shy, out of their shell. She lets every child know that they are important. It's this character trait that I feel makes Cecilia an excellent educator.

Cecilia is a very creative and knowledgeable person. She employs different teaching styles to accommodate all types of learners without compromising the artistic process. All of her lessons are well thought out, age-appropriate, creative lessons. Each lesson is designed to teach a specific concept in Art while touching upon other content areas to make each lesson a well-rounded educational experience. I have witnessed time and time again the enthusiasm our students conveyed about their time in her class. They all emerged from Cecilia's classroom with a sense of pride and knowledge of the art they have created. Our students happily share with me as they pass by, what they learned that day. Cecilia has instilled that love and pride in each of our students, which is a gift our students will take with them for the rest of their lives.

Cecilia has exceptional leadership skills. She understands what needs to be done and knows how to accomplish these tasks. Cecilia has vision and shows commitment in everything that she undertakes. It is this focus and energy that makes her a remarkable leader and a qualified candidate for a position as an Art Teacher in your district.

Respectfully,

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