



Heineman Middle School

School District 158

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To Whom It May Concern:

I've had the privilege of co-teaching the Heineman Middle School Bands with Jessica Brown for the past three months, as she is covering the maternity leave of one of our band directors. In those few short months, Jessica has proven herself to be extremely competent. She seamlessly took over the responsibilities of the regular director, and the students, staff, and parents have responded very positively to her. She plans lessons that are engaging and well-paced, and the students really enjoy her teaching style. The pieces she conducted at the last concert sounded awesome!

Jessica also fits in really well with the Heineman Music Department. We all enjoy spending time with her and learning interesting things about her life. She is also an exceptionally talented musician and educator who brings a lot of great ideas to the table. She regularly contributes to our discussions on curriculum, assessment, RTI, PBIS and other various music education topics. Her disposition is the confidence of someone who has been teaching a long time with the energy of a new teacher. She is a refreshing mix of assertiveness, fun and respect. I look forward to teaching with her every day!

I am fully confident that Jessica would do a wonderful job running a band, choral or general music program in any school district. She is one of the most qualified teachers I've worked with in my career. If we had an opening we would hire her.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (847) 370-5340 or pjorgensen@district158.org.

Sincerely,

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