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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to advise you of the one letter of application that you must pull from the pile. I want you to know that Jessica Wells is a keen, conscientious, and talented music educator. She is intelligent and enthusiastic about teaching - this is reflected in her thorough planning, preparation, and delivery. She strives for excellence and displays a true passion for music and teaching. She is a "sparkplug;" she simply lights up the classroom with her energy.

I was Jessica's College Supervisor for her student teaching and professor for elementary methods. Through a combination of hard work and talent, she has done an exceptional job in her student teaching. She has great classroom management skills; she is an outstanding musician and has a good ear. She is creative in her teaching delivery and will reach many learner needs through her diverse teaching techniques. Jessica is well liked by her students, colleagues, and teachers. Students particularly appreciate her caring approach to each of them, and yet she sets the standard high for their learning.

We have been fortunate to have Jessica here at Hope College. I think her responsible and respectful nature sets her above the norm for students today. She will be well suited to teach music grades PK-12, as she has been very successful in all of her teaching experiences.

It has been a real joy to work with Jessica and I highly recommend her with enthusiasm. I would be delighted if she was the music teacher for my own children. I am extremely confident that she would be an excellent hire for any school district at any age level.

Sincerely,

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