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Dear Future Employer,

I am writing to recommend Mrs. Angela Kadow for a music teaching position at your school. I have worked in the same district as Angela over the last 2 years. Although we do not work in the same buildings, I have come to know her through our department meetings and collaboration times. I am honored to speak to what I have experienced in working with Angela over the last few years.

Angela's education philosophy focuses on 3 core elements – Creativity, Community and Collaboration. I can attest that these are not just ideals to Angela but a way that she represents herself, even to her coworkers.

Angela is very passionate about music and music education. You can see this in the amount of thought and time she puts into a lesson which is mostly self-created content. She uses her creativity, her knowledge of Orff instruments and her Guitar skills to make new lessons and reach her students in new ways. Angela was very eager to build relationships within the music department. We have 10 elementary schools within our district. Many of our students move between the buildings quite frequently and they were running into problems staying connected in music because of all of the different methods and units we were on. We spent time strategizing as an elementary music team what we could do to best address those needs and Angela was always willing to listen and help. When given the chance she even led one of our professional development sessions to teach us about SongsWorks. She was always ready and willing to collaborate within our team meetings and share lesson ideas and content she was working on.

I know that Angela's passion and creativity will lead her forward. She is always willing to work hard, be a team player and I have no doubt that she will be up for the next challenge that her journey as an educator takes her on.

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