

## ***Garfield Middle School***

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It is a distinct pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Angela Kadow. I first met Angela as a 5th Grade Beginning Band student and continued to instruct and follow her musical successes. During this time, Angela blossomed into a principal flute player, participating in many musical ensembles offered at Lakewood High School as well as participating in large and small group adjudications, and continued to study privately. Through my interactions with Angela, it became obvious that she was not only a talented and hardworking musician, but was also an inquisitive and passionate learner who always wanted to be a teacher.

Angela attended and graduated Cum Laude from Cleveland State University with a Bachelors in Music Education. Angela often visited Garfield Middle School in Lakewood to observe and gain more band class field experiences. She helped me with as many teaching responsibilities as she was permitted to participate in. Angela had a positive impact on my students and she gained further insights to the working of teaching 5th Grade Beginning Band and Middle School Band. In addition, Angela grew up in Lakewood and has shown a strong respect for and understanding of the diverse student body in Lakewood City Schools.

Angela's teaching career covers a range of grade level music curriculums. Being a young educator, she has developed an understanding of building a strong rapport with students and to develop engaging lessons that draws-in the learner to be excited about music, whether they are playing an instrument, singing, or studying genres of music. Examples of her efforts are posted on her website. Impressive! Angela, has also proven herself to be an organized and detailed administrator. I have no doubt that she has the skills necessary to effectively track and assess students in a wide range of education settings. Above all, I believe that Angela's passion for music and obvious dedication to students' progress will forge continued successes. She has a creative mindset and will problem solve until a solution or idea is composed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any other questions regarding Angela's qualifications as a music educator. She will be an effective and forward-thinking addition to any school faculty and I am proud to have her as a colleague in the music education field.

Sincerely,

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