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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Ms. Melissa Sand. I highly recommend Ms. Sand for the position of Art Teacher in your school and believe she would be an excellent addition to your staff.

This is the sixth year that Ms. Sand and I have worked together. In my 31 years in the field of education, both in the public school setting and the university setting, I have never met a more knowledgeable, dedicated or professional teacher. Her warm, caring, and energetic personality makes it a pleasure to work with her. Her professionalism and personality are evident in her interactions with students and provides the basis for a very high level of rapport.

Ms. Sand has been instrumental in broadening the scope and quality of our art program. Her excellent work in the classroom has contributed to the school's curriculum by offering the first AP Studio Art course. The art program that Ms. Sand has developed over her tenure here meets the needs of a diverse student population. Students can pursue their interests in many areas in art. Often if a student has interests that are not included in a course or the student has trouble scheduling a class, Ms. Sand will work with the student independently. She accomplishes this by making herself available after or before school, during planning, or study lab times. She has started an art club for students and she is active in the local Arts Council. Ms. Sand's goal is to make sure that all students have an opportunity to learn about the world of art and form their own opinions about the art they see.

Ms. Sand works diligently trying to raise the level and quality of instruction within our district. She is a member of the district and building leadership teams. In this position she helps design and plan in-service days, always striving to make these days beneficial and productive. She also serves on the professional standards committee. Ms. Sand sets high standards for herself, her students and the school thus; students are in a better position to participate in the increasingly competitive world.

Ms. Sand's contributions to our school are many and diverse. Under her direction her students help with a submission to the school monthly newspaper, the various drama