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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Chris Lash, an applicant for a position in your school district. I have known Chris for eight years in many different capacities, including as a student, a student-teacher, and a colleague. I confidently believe that Chris will be an asset to your school district because of his professionalism and dedication to the education of students and his passion for instrumental music.

I first met Chris Lash in the summer of 2007 as a high school student when I began my employment with the Avon Lake City School District in Avon Lake, Ohio. Chris was a junior in the band program and I was one of his directors. From this first instance, I could see a dedicated student in him; eager to learn, wanting to satisfy his endless interest in the subject of instrumental music, as well as a pleasant and easy-going person with which others were able to work. In my two years as his teacher, Chris' character and work ethic remained consistent.

Upon high school graduation, Chris entered Cleveland State University and studied Music Education. While I was not his teacher anymore, we remained in contact as he would stop by marching band rehearsals from time to time. In the spring of 2014, Chris spent approximately one month working under my guidance in field experience. His observations during this time of my teaching were very perceptive as we always followed up the daily classes with in-depth discussion of concepts, techniques, educational issues and concerns at the time, and lots of "brain-picking". In addition to observing, Chris took advantage of all the opportunities I gave him to teach my classes, taking in as much real-world experience as he could in a short amount of time with me. He never wasted a moment honing his skills as an educator and to put his knowledge to practice.

Chris Lash is a high-quality music educator with the right character to relate to students, parents, and colleagues. He will indeed be successful in his career as an educator because of his dedication to the students and to the profession.

Please feel free to contact me at (440) 781-1454 for any further questions about Mr. Chris Lash.

Respectfully,

Christopher M. Ewald
Band Director
Avon Lake City Schools