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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing here on behalf of and in enthusiastic support of a very talented and hardworking music educator, Mr. Eric Lemarier.

Eric has enjoyed a great deal of success during the last two school years at Gladstone and has had a profound impact on the music program and the school as a whole. In his duties here, Mr. Lemarier has reinvigorated our music offerings, bringing a new excitement to his general music classes and also bearing responsibility for a surge in the numbers and quality of our choral and instrumental music ensembles.

Eric possesses an excellent understanding of his content and presents his lessons to our very diverse population in ways that engage every student while imparting his loves of music and learning. As a former music educator myself, it has been a joy to see Eric in action.

Eric is also very much a team player in terms of contributing to our school improvement efforts and using his positive energies to encourage students to set academic and life goals for themselves and to work hard to see them through. His music-based motivational messages start each day here and have had a definite impact on the culture of our school.

While we have every hope that "Mr. L" will be with us for years to come, very difficult budget times in our district have necessitated his layoff. As is understandable, Eric is in the position of having to explore other opportunities.

I would recommend, without reservation, that Eric Lemarier be given serious consideration as a candidate for a music position in your district and would welcome the opportunity to discuss his qualifications in greater detail at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Mark Garceau