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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Andrew Arcello. I have had a professional relationship with Mr. Arcello as the Primary School Principal at MEF International School, Istanbul for the 2012-2013 academic year. During his employment with MEF IS, Mr. Arcello served as the Primary School music teacher, utilizing the Primary Years Programme (PYP) music curriculum to teach students from diverse cultural backgrounds, including non-English speaking students. His knowledge of music theory, multi-cultural competency, and understanding of diversity made him an important member of our school community.

Mr. Arcello delivers instruction with effectiveness. He has sound class management skills and utilizes a wide variety of appropriate teaching techniques and methods. In his class you can observe him using discussion, small group performances, modeling, role-play, independent study, student pairing and experimental learning as his repertoire of instructional techniques. His class is a place of focus, risk-taking, engagement, and high energy, because Mr. Arcello utilizes activities that are perfect vehicles for music and language development.

Mr. Arcello supports the whole child; attending to both their educational and developmental needs within the music program. He is reflective, readjusting his instruction to meet the academic and safety needs of his students. He fulfills all aspects of what is required of the PYP, specifically in planning and learning outcomes. His communication to parents is professional and includes written notes, phone calls, and communication logs. He has produced memorable concerts and performances where students eagerly share their learning.

Mr. Arcello has strong work ethics. He served on numerous school committees, such as the Advisory Council, and is always ready to assist the administration or a fellow teacher. I have always found him to be knowledgeable, responsible, and reliable to work with.

What stands out most about Mr. Andrew, however, are not his exceptional teaching skills or his professionalism, but his relationship with his students. Mr. Arcello is caring and patient, and consistently looks for ways to make the learning environment not only enjoyable, but fair and safe for his students. The insights he shares with parents on his students reflect his passion for childhood development and teaching.

Mr. Arcello is an asset to any school organization. I believe he can successfully meet the demands of any music position and it is for this reason I give him the highest of recommendations. I would eagerly hire him again given the opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Yann Lussiez,
Primary School Principal