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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of reference for Allison Zenner. Allison currently teaches orchestra at Grayhawk, Pinnacle Peak, and Wildfire Elementary Schools, and Mountain Train Middle School. All of these schools are Paradise Valley Unified School District schools.

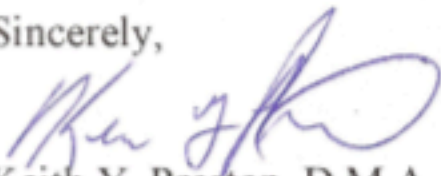
Allison is a talented, knowledgeable teacher who consistently demonstrates her ability to balance the demands of a rigorous curriculum with the learning needs of her students. Her string students exhibit strong evidence of best practices in string music pedagogy in rehearsals and performances. The added dimension of students having fun while learning adds to her effectiveness as a teacher. She inspires her students to reach beyond their own abilities to discover their own hidden talents. Her energetic teaching style engages students every minute of the class period.

Allison has contributed to the school district by actively participating in yearly district-wide music events, and school-based performances. She has taught at all levels and possesses an excellent understanding of both the theoretical and pedagogical aspects of her content area. Her ability to see projects to completion serves as a model for other teachers because she has the personal integrity and professional standards that are characteristic of highly effective people.

Allison participates in state and national conferences in her quest to continue her own professional development, improving her teaching skills and improving the learning environment in her classroom. She eagerly shares information with colleagues, and is a positive addition to the four schools she serves.

I would miss Allison if she were to become employed elsewhere, but take comfort in knowing that she will be an asset to any school staff she chooses to belong to.

Sincerely,



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