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To Whom it May Concern-

It is my pleasure to offer my highest recommendation for Matthew McHan. I have worked closely with Matthew over the past 2 school years in the Career Technical Education [CTE] department at Redwood High School. In these two years, Matthew has constantly impressed and amazed me with his positive energy, his critical reflection of his pedagogical practices, and his incredible collegiality.

To a new teacher, especially at a continuation high school, the challenges come quickly and constantly, and the demands are numerous and multidimensional. Matthew expertly navigated the state and district beginning-teacher requirements, and gleaned useful tips to incorporate into his classroom practices and procedures. He solely managed both the digital art and fine art programs out of a portable classroom, supporting students in creating impressive drawings, paintings, as well as 3D and digital creations. Lastly, his two years have seen one outgoing and one incoming principal with radically different management and philosophical approaches. Despite these countless requirements, Matthew is regarded as one of the most reliable, effective, and respected teachers on our campus.

I was specifically impressed with Matthew's consistent reflection on students' performance and behavior. He was never satisfied with students choosing not to produce, so he constantly was willing to implement new strategies to see which would serve our specific population's unique learning needs. He skillfully differentiated and modified instruction to give our students the best opportunity to demonstrate competency, through numerous projects, learning modalities, and mediums. Also, he spearheaded a tiered behavioral intervention system to document and provide students and staff alike with a useful criteria for managing and providing consequences for behavioral issues.

In short, you will be privileged to have Matthew join your staff, in whatever capacity that may be. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information on Matthew.

Sincerely,

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