

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with much enthusiasm that I recommend Andrew Marikis for the teaching position at your school.

It has been my pleasure to get work with and get to know Andrew over the last two years. As a colleague of Andrew's I was able to observe his teaching, collaborate with him on curriculum, and co-teach with him during our time together at Baker Demonstration School in Wilmette, IL. During this time, Andrew displayed a high level of organization, creativity, and classroom management.

Andrew is a doer and is continuously planning and reflecting on his work and curriculum. He is constantly impressing me with his focus and energy towards creating lessons and units with the whole child in mind. With this focus he is able to differentiate and adapt his work to motivate and engage his students and class.

Andrew's passion for the theater and personality come through in his teaching. This creativity shines through in everything he does and is continuously seen when he is introducing lessons or presenting to the whole school, but it is also felt through his work when he is 1:1 or working in small groups. It is this creativity that frequently engages and energizes all his students.

Andrew has an uncanny ability to motivate and manage his students, his classes, and at whole school assemblies. He is very personable and this connection allows him to individually know when he can support a student or when he can push a student to reach their full potential.

Please let me know if I can provide any more information to strengthen Andrew's candidacy for the position.

Sincerely,

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