



SHEFFIELD AREA MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for C. J. Lyons. I have had the distinct pleasure of working with him throughout the past school year at Sheffield Area Middle High School. In this time he has taught band. He has done an outstanding job starting to build a band. This has been a difficult process of creating a new level of expectation in the band room. Students have thrived in this new environment where high expectation and desire for excellence exists. In all wishes that school budgets were different than they are I would truly like to see the end product after five years of Mr. Lyons working with a group of students. I know wherever C. J. finds a position that school will have struck gold in finding a band director that both will develop young musicians and push experienced musicians further than even their own expectations.

Mr. Lyons has taught in several classes that ranged from elementary music through high school band. He was organized and created lessons that were engaging and fun for students to learn more about the various genres of music. The development of a routine and high expectation helped him to have outstanding classroom management. He also made students feel very comfortable in the classroom which created a very good learning environment. By establishing classroom management and connecting with his students, he was able to do lessons for all learning styles. Above and beyond the classroom C. J. has also brought in assemblies to help increase the interest in band here at Sheffield. He has also produced a very successful play here at the school.

We, at Sheffield, will miss C. J. greatly because he takes a great amount of care to help students find success in all aspects of their lives. He goes above the call of duty for many students who need that extra caring person in their lives, which makes him an outstanding teacher and mentor for his students. I would highly recommend C. J. for any teaching position that you may have. Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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