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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Andrew Arcello has requested a letter of recommendation from me as he applies for positions in music education PreK-12. Andrew graduated from Providence College in May, 2010 with a B.A. in Music Education, and has certification for Music PreK-12 in Rhode Island. His primary instrument is voice, but he also has very good keyboard skills (piano and organ).

Andrew has been a student in several of my classes to include Theory Labs (aural skills), Intro to Music Education, Teaching General Music, World Music for the Educator, and Student Teaching Seminar. His coursework has included classroom and fieldwork in general music, secondary choral music, and secondary instrumental music. He completed a very successful eight-week secondary choral student teaching placement with Paulette LeParle at Barrington High School. I supervised his elementary general placement with Debbie Kelchner in Barrington for eight weeks. Andrew is very comfortable working with both elementary and secondary students. At the elementary level, Andrew was creative, very organized and had very good classroom management strategies. Students were very engaged in his lessons! Andrew also has a great deal of experience leading church choirs. He is a confident teacher, creative, thoughtful, respected by his peers. He crafts lessons that are varied and engaging. He has an interest in multicultural music, and has accumulated a varied collection of instruments through his travels.

I hope that you will seriously consider Andrew Arcello for a position in Music Education. He will work well with his colleagues, be an active participant in his professional organization (MENC Music Educators National Conference), and will do his best to ensure excellent music education for his students. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Patricia Wurst Cichy