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To Whom It May Concern:

It brings me great pleasure to have the opportunity to write this letter of recommendation for Rebecca Raber. I have known Rebecca for over fourteen years as an educator, parent and friend. Serving as an Administrator in the John Paul Catholic Schools Network in Fargo, I am very comfortable, and honored, to provide insights into the professional and personal qualities of Rebecca Raber.

I begin with classroom teaching. Rebecca is without question one of our most gifted teachers. Her lessons are energized and invigorating. Rebecca is a person who has high expectations for herself as well as her students. She challenges every student to stretch themselves in all aspects of their lives. I have been impressed with Rebecca's love for learning. She is dedicated to broadening her pedagogy based on best-practices by attending workshops and taking courses to build her professional knowledge. She strives to keep the music program fresh and stimulating which is evident through the performances and day-to-day classroom life. Rebecca instills a life-long love of learning music in her students. Many of her former students have pursued a career in music education as well as music performance.

While Rebecca's work in the classroom is exemplary, her contributions to the John Paul II Community do not stop in the music classroom. She has great leadership skills as demonstrated through her collaborative efforts with other faculty members on innovative ways for our students to participate in meaningful service opportunities. Rebecca is a firm believer that not everything is learned in the classroom setting and has challenged students through choir tour and other service learning activities. She is the ultimate organizer and has the ability to take over 150 students on choir in "New York City" without a single issue. Rebecca is articulate, both in writing as well as speaking, and is an effective communicator. She also listens to others and incorporates their feedback and ideas to create workable and meaningful outcomes. These qualities leave a long-lasting impression on students, staff, community members and administration. She will be greatly missed!

In addition, Rebecca possesses skills in graphic design and photography. She uses her expertise to enhance the music program at John Paul II Catholic Schools. Rebecca creates performance brochures, manages the choir web page and creates other publications used for marketing purposes. Rebecca's work is excellent both in quality and design. Her versatility is one of her amazing qualities that will be an asset to any organization who is lucky enough to have her on their team.

In closing, it is with highest regard that I recommend Rebecca Raber for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional insight or support.

Sincerely,

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