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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing a letter of recommendation supporting the application of Rebecca Raber for a music position at your school. I have known Rebecca professionally for the past nine years. I have observed her work as a choral music educator at the high school level and she has taken several graduate-level courses that I have taught at North Dakota State University. She has also supervised several of our student teachers in her classroom.

Rebecca is a very fine musician and an effective and motivating teacher. Her choirs are consistently well prepared and they sing challenging repertoire very musically. Her teaching is student-centered with a strong pedagogical foundation. Her students learn to sing well and they experience great music through her leadership. Rebecca is committed to helping her students learn all styles of music and to create musical experiences that benefit the singers and their audience.

Rebecca is also successful in her academic work. She is always prepared and contributes greatly to class discussions. Her course work is at the highest level. She is able to synthesize new information and use that in her repertoire choices for her choirs. She has a keen interest in repertoire and this will insure that she consistently brings quality music to her students.

Rebecca has had experience teaching all levels of choral music including collegiate work. Her work with the University of North Dakota Varsity Bards was well-respected and demonstrated not only her abilities as a conductor, but also her skill at motivating singers and organizing performances at the college level.

Rebecca is currently the North Dakota State President for ACDA. Under her leadership, NDACDA has worked to serve all choral conductors in our state. She has instituted new opportunities and programs that greatly benefit our membership. She is extremely organized and creative. She also serves as the editor of our state online newsletter.

Rebecca does have a positive reputation in our region. She would be a definite asset in terms of recruiting students and helping them to be successful in their academic pursuits. In addition to conducting choirs, she could teach multiple subjects in your curriculum including conducting, choir literature and music education.

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I have always found Rebecca to be extremely collegial and she has a strong work ethic. Students respect her musicianship and they respond very positively to her abilities as a teacher and conductor. Another of Rebecca's strengths is her commitment to work as a member of a team. She is very cooperative in all aspects of her professional relationships with her peers and her supervisors. Rebecca's positive personality and abilities as a teacher will attract students to the music programs at your school and she will motivate them to succeed.

I recommend Rebecca Raber without reservation. She will be an excellent conductor and teacher for your students and a positive addition to your faculty. Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Weber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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