



Westerville North High School

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Kurt Yancey, Principal

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Dear Personnel Officer,

It is my sincere pleasure to recommend Mrs. Melanie Celello for a teaching position with your district. By every standard, Mrs. Celello is one of the most dedicated and qualified professionals I have had the opportunity to work with.

Through our association with the Westerville City School District, Melanie and I have been acquainted professionally for five years. She is thorough, resourceful, and honest. She has a true passion for teaching the arts and her students benefit greatly from her abilities as a teacher and artist.

Her commitment to establishing positive relationships with our students is clear and her focus on ensuring their success in both the classroom and life is commendable. I am truly impressed with her ability to maintain a high performing classroom environment where students feel comfortable taking risks and are appreciated for their efforts. Every time I visit her classroom, I do so with extreme confidence as I watch her ability to engage students in meaningful learning opportunities while maintaining high expectations for them. Her students enjoy being in her class as she creates an atmosphere where there is clearly a mutual respect.

I have had the opportunity to observe Mrs. Celello's growth as a teacher and have appreciated her willingness to seek out administrative input. She clearly values this interaction with me as her principal. Additionally, I can't say enough about the dedication she has shown to the development of our yearbook program. She has spent countless hours of her own time to ensure we put together the best possible product for our seniors.

Mrs. Celello is leaving our school this year and is seeking full time employment elsewhere due to the fact that Westerville City Schools recently completed a reduction in force process. If there were any way she could be retained, I would most certainly want to keep her on our staff. I consider her a capable and dedicated teacher and a tremendous asset to our school. I find it difficult to find teachers with her teaching talent, ambition, and drive, and I recommend her without reservation for the position she is seeking. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kurt J. Yancey
Principal