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To Whom It May Concern,

For the past two years, I have known Renae Compton in her role as a music teacher in the Moreland School District. As her supervisor this year, I have observed her teaching on a number of occasions. Ms. Compton is an excellent music teacher. An accomplished musician herself, Ms. Compton shares and communicates her love of music to all of her students. While she teaches the most difficult group of students to instruct—those who are just beginning to play an instrument—she is always patient and supportive toward her students. Ms. Compton displays a calm, accepting demeanor that encourages her students to feel comfortable as they learn new skills.

Although Ms. Compton teaches 4th and 5th graders, she has high standards and expectations for the children. At our winter concert this year, the band played very complex and difficult music, amazing and impressing all of the parents and friends in the audience.

Ms. Compton also goes above and beyond expectations in order to provide positive music experiences for the children. Her students wanted to play solos, so she met with the ones who were interested during her own time after school. Also, Ms. Compton has voluntarily arranged to have her band perform a traveling show in June. Next month, part of her group will perform at the Children's Discovery Museum for the Moreland Educational Foundation fundraiser. Ms. Compton communicates with the parents of the music students by sending home a publication called Band Notes.

Our school has benefited greatly from having Renae Compton as our band teacher. I would recommend her without reservation for any position for which she applies. If you would like further information, please feel free to contact me at (408) 874-3405.

Sincerely yours,