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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to recommend Jessica Pilya for your school district. I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Jessica for the past eight years. Over our shared time in college and teaching, I can confidently say that she is one of the hardest-working, most empathetic, and creative individuals I've ever had the pleasure of working alongside. She authors and facilitates project-based lessons that her students are genuinely excited to engage with. She has been pivotal in building up our art department and ceramics program over the past year. She is truly indispensable to the creative culture of our school.

I've been fortunate enough to sit in and observe many of the lessons Ms. Pilya has taught her students. She has an innate ability to explain complex artistic concepts in a multitude of ways – especially in the realm of ceramics. The quality of artwork coming out of her room is astounding. She is taking students who have not had art since early childhood and has them performing above their grade level. Ms. Pilya teaches all of the Art 2 courses at our building. At the time of writing this, we've had to open up more sections of this course due to the influx of students trying to take her class. "I can't wait to do Ceramics with Ms. P. next year!" is a phrase thrown around my classroom more than I can count. Students are genuinely excited to have her as their teacher, and everyone in our building has taken notice.

In addition to this, she voluntarily advises the Reynoldsburg Art Club, where she continues to foster positive relationships and help her students become the best artists they can be. Personally, I would not be the teacher I am today if it wasn't for Jessica. She is a trove of knowledge and is quick to jump at any opportunity to share what she knows. She gives her all to this school and our community. I have no doubt that she will do the same for your school district, which is why I can not recommend her enough.

Thank you for reading my reference letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at the information below.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Scherer".

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