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To Whom It May Concern:

Elise Hackl has been under my supervision at the Buffalo Grove Park District in the Music/Theatre program, and quite frankly, she is the most inspirational employee I have. She inspires me and everyone around her. She has worked for me in many capacities as Music Director of our Broadway Bound camps, Director/Music Director of our Special Recreation programming, Theatre Educator, Supervisor of our musical theatre camps and much more. She is willing to take on any and all tasks or positions asked of her to see theatre flourish in our community. As her Supervisor, I am always at peace knowing she is on board and know her work is always filled with professionalism, vision, honesty and above all creativity.

Her work as a music director is something magical. She takes her script and score work very seriously, creating a performance for her audience that is beautiful and meaningful. Most importantly, her utmost respect and care for the experience of her production team and actors involved is awe-inspiring. She is a dynamic and energetic leader who opens her heart and soul to others. The attention to detail and time taken to set each brilliant second on stage and process for her students is truly remarkable. Elise excels in working with individuals of all ability levels and makes it look so easy. She is a brilliant educator, a master of music and sound, and professional through and through. Simply said Elise is a Renaissance woman and can do it all.

As a Teacher, she possesses an untouchable work ethic and sense of self discipline. Her tenacity and tireless work to achieve excellence from her students, her peers and herself is admirable and something I wish all my employees could achieve. She absorbs feedback with reverence and adjusts accordingly in every sense. In addition, she is profoundly kind and generous. Frankly, Elise is self-actualized and wise beyond her years. This allows her to courageously express and accept others with open arms. The creativity shown in her curriculum is only topped by her ability to inspire students to be the best version of themselves.

Planning out our summer curriculum and space usage alone would be difficult enough. It takes a village to make Summer Camps happen. Elise has managed the 30 adult and young adult staff and over 140 campers. Elise is the leader and confidant for everyone in that village. She is a remarkable leader at work and a highly accomplished and organized individual. Her success with us with her knowledge of the craft and her dedication to the kids in her programs and their families reflects everything about this brazenly inspiring woman. Our parents trust her, the staff approach her for help, and the kids just adore her.

Simply, she is an outstanding director, teacher, and human being. Elise will bring a zeal for life, intelligence, and searing creativity to your program. Elise is special. She is unique. She is exceptional.

Sincerely,

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