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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this as a letter of strong support for Danielle Priest. Being a member of her graduate committee, I have gotten to know her in several contexts, namely as a bright and capable graduate student, an outstanding musician, and especially as a great human being who is extremely teachable herself and eager to teach children.

Danielle's passion for teaching is such that in this past school year she took 6 undergraduate plus 6 graduate credits of coursework in elementary music pedagogy none of which are required for her Masters degree. Additionally, she volunteered as a helper with the Lakeview Elementary School choir program and taught private flute lessons in the Provo Schools After-School-Music-School. In all of these she has proven to be a fine child-centered educator.

Simply stated, Danielle is a remarkably gifted individual. She has strong interpersonal skills and effortlessly fits in as a positive team player to serve and build those around her. She naturally possesses that finely balanced combination of structure, spontaneity and creativity that makes teachers so successful with elementary school children. Danielle has a deep knowledge base and is full of wonderful stories and anecdotes that make her teaching engaging and interesting to children and adults.

Because of my familiarity with the Provo music curriculum and Spring Creek Elementary School's exceptional history as a model application of it, I highly recommend Danielle to you as one who will step in and carry her load as a part-time music specialist. She is full of resources that will sustain and enhance the already fine music teaching in your school. I can say without equivocation that she will be a credit to your school and music program.

Sincerely,

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