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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my sincere pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Mr. Dan Ferreira, a teacher for whom I have great respect and admiration. I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Ferreira and seeing his incredible dedication and enthusiasm for the four years I have been the Superintendent of Millbury Public Schools. His rapport with parents, students, and staff is outstanding and his classroom is student-centered, dynamic, and always challenging. Dan is an outstanding professional who cares very deeply about his students and demands nothing less than excellence from himself.

As our concert band and marching band director for the past 12 years, Mr. Ferreira has made an incredibly positive impact on the culture of his department. Student participation in wind ensemble, jazz band, and concert band have increased significantly during his tenure for three very important reasons. First, Mr. Ferreira's passion for music is contagious. Students gravitate to his department because he makes learning and performing rewarding, worthwhile, and very fun. In addition, Mr. Ferreira has created a safe and inclusive culture for his students, all of whom take great pride in identifying themselves as part of the music program at Millbury High School. In fact, Millbury alumni frequently return to participate in our concerts long after they graduate, evidence of the positive relationships that he has built and the meaningful associations our graduates still have with his department. The third reason that his department has grown at such an impressive rate is that Mr. Ferreira invests a great deal of time and effort in helping our rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders transition to middle school band and chorus. He is a strong promoter of our programs and is always looking to recruit our next generation of musicians.

Mr. Ferreira frequently partners with parents and the community to showcase his students' talents and to help continue to grow our music programs. Mr. Ferreira's ensembles perform at a number of community events, including parades, holiday concerts, and sporting events. In addition, Mr. Ferreira has provided our parents of music students an opportunity to support the music department by facilitating a strong music booster club, a collaborative group of strong advocates for the arts. In difficult financial times, these partnerships are essential.

Mr. Ferreira has accomplished a great deal at Millbury High School, investing new energy and enthusiasm into building an exemplary program with a solid reputation. He is, in my judgment, and exemplary teacher. He is a collaborative, mission-driven teacher who always makes decisions in the best interests of our students. Without hesitation or reservation, I give him my highest recommendation for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can further support Dan's candidacy in any way.

Sincerely,

Gregory Myers