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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Eric Gibbons. I have known Eric since September 2006. I have worked with him at Northern Burlington High School teaching Art 1, Art 2, Art 3 and A.P. Studio Art. As his colleague, I have been impressed with his creative and clever abilities to integrate new art lessons with specific target groups, while uploading all his lessons onto his art blog website ArtEdGuru.com.

Compassionate, kind, helpful, intelligent, creative, innovative are just a few words that come to mind when describing Eric. From the beginning he was welcoming, providing me with lots of helpful resources, and visited often with a willing ear and advice when I needed it. He has helped me navigate administrative, student, and parent issues in a way that a seasoned professional should. We attended staff developments and art workshops on the local and state level. Eric goes the extra mile to present workshops at the state and national level through the AENJ and NAEA organizations and was invited to present at the New York State Art Education Convention in 2017.

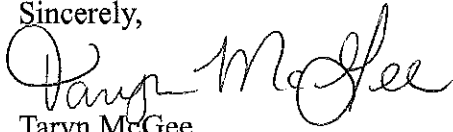
When asked for lesson plan assistance, Eric enthusiastically accepts. He has always been a positive collaborator. He has written many books about art education and you might have even seen them on Amazon. His books are a helpful resource in the classroom. They include; detailed lessons, pictures of students examples, assessments, art history, art criticism, art quote reflections, safety in the art room plus written assignments. We have created many dozens of lessons that reflect our combined input. We have written curriculum together to encompass a broad range of art lessons infused with art history. His knowledge of art history far surpasses the average art teacher, he could teach a class on it if you asked. I know he has worked with teachers of other departments too like Spanish, Chinese, English, Biology, and more to design and implements cross-curricular lessons of depth. He does not confine his collaborations to just the art department and is a true team player.

His nearly 30 years of classroom experience shines with the creative, expressive, and core content connected lessons that he creates and displays throughout the school, and at district exhibitions. Further, he shares his lessons and successful educational philosophy through his blog (ArtEdGuru.com) and the many books he has published with Firehouse Publications. There you can see his concrete STEM/STEAM based program in action.

I know Eric seeks to move to a warmer climate. We will certainly miss him, but I know he will always be just one email away should I ever need an idea or feedback. Any school that values excellence and understands the value a truly integrated art experience can offer their students would be lucky to have him on their staff.

I give Eric my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Taryn McGee". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Taryn McGee

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