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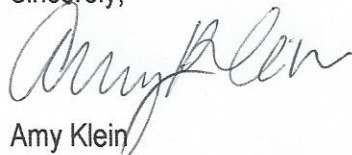
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Chris Wondra. Chris is a highly respected, committed educator whose thinking resonates beyond the four walls of his classroom. In the ten years that I have known Chris as a colleague and the parent of students in his classroom, three points stand out:

1. Chris Wondra applies best practice. Embracing the needs presented in a differentiated classroom, he creates routines to fully engage students in reading and writing. Daily, his students are involved in critical thinking by reading literature they choose and responding in writing to what they read. Students are held accountable for their own learning by understanding data regarding their own proficiency level, setting personal goals to advance their ability, daily carrying out an action plan tied to their goals and finally, returning to assessment and reflection to measure growth. As a parent, I know this to be true because I've been informed of it by Mr. Wondra's classroom communications.
2. Chris Wondra is a student of his own discipline. He is passionate about reading. He currently writes a column on educational topics for our local newspaper. He created and maintains *We Teach, We Learn*, a website to connect teachers and promote best practice. He is technologically savvy and is motivated by the power of networking to make better teachers and learners.
3. Chris Wondra is not satisfied with the status quo. Focused on outcomes in education, he strives to do all he can to advance our literate society starting with each individual he teaches. He is a positive contributor and a reflective practitioner that leads him and others to adapt instruction to the most authentic and effective framework possible.

Confident of Chris Wondra's ability as an educator, I very highly recommend Christopher Wondra for any position he desires.

Sincerely,



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