



May 11, 2005

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Mr. William Vliek

To Whom It May Concern:

Bill has worked with me as an intern teacher from January 2005, until May of 2005. His responsibilities included daily time on the podium in front of the entire band, selection of music for concerts and festival, rehearsing that music, delegating me as if I were his assistant for that piece, and performing/ conducting the band at concerts and festival. These tasks were in addition to working with individual students and sections, warming-up the band, and playing music with the students during rehearsals. This does not include all the responsibilities he had with the high school band program. Bill proved himself to be a valuable educator for the DeWitt band program.

I was impressed by Bill's ability to rehearse and conduct a band. His assignments were always thorough, and age/ skill appropriate. I usually allow an intern to rehearse and conduct the large ensemble, but Bill showed me that he was exceptionally talented on all the assignment given to him, that his talents prompted me to give him much more responsibility in rehearsal which far surpassed the norm. His rehearsal and conducting technique are expressive, accurate, and evocative which connected with the students and made the band greatly improve.

Overall, Bill is a very competent and confident individual who established a solid rapport with all the students. I certainly believe he has what it takes to become an incredible music educator, and the students and I are sad to see him leave our school. I strongly recommend Bill for any music education, or conducting position.

Sincerely,

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