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To Whom It May Concern:

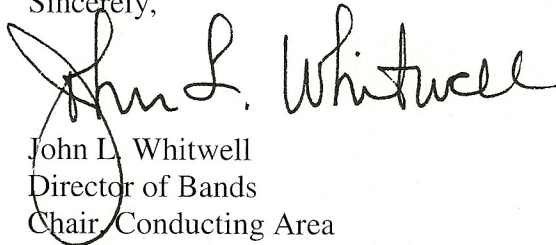
I am pleased to submit this letter of recommendation for **William Vliek** for a position as a band director and music educator. I have known him the past five years as an undergraduate music education major and as a trombonist in ensembles I conduct at Michigan State University.

Bill's work at MSU was exemplary. He fully participated in the Wind Symphony, Symphony Band, and Spartan Marching Band, and was consistently well prepared and an outstanding contributor to all ensemble activities.

He has shown a strong desire to become an excellent conductor and took several semesters of additional conducting lessons with Professor Wesley Broadnax. A serious, self disciplined, and highly motivated student, I predict a strong career for Bill as a teacher, conductor, and performer.

It is a pleasure to recommend him. Given the opportunity to hire him, I would certainly do so.

Sincerely,



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