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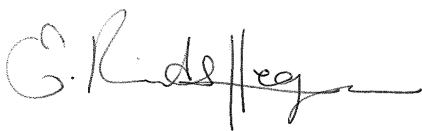
Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to give my highest recommendation to Daniel Pellito, who has worked for me as a Middle School Science Teacher over the course of the past year. Dan is the kind of educator that I wish I had a dozen of: more than simply being a great teacher, or an outstanding classroom manager, or a spirited and creative colleague (though he certainly is those things), Dan stands out as being an exceptional human being.

Dan has wisdom, kindness, and empathy in droves. He has a fierce and creative sense of humor, a strong and warm rapport with students, and a strong sense of collegiality with the staff. Dan's classroom ran on a system of rigor and respect. His students worked hard for him, because they respected him and knew he cared for them. He was firm without being angry, and was academically demanding while still differentiating. Dan demonstrated unwavering school spirit and nurtured a strong and clear sense of community within his classroom.

As an educator and a scientist, Dan made the study of science come alive for his students. Dan's excitement about science was contagious and his enthusiasm and aptitude for the subject were shared with all in his classroom. Throughout his time at TAPA, Dan held students to a strong academic standard, pushing them to achieve at high levels. For a middle school teacher to be both beloved for his kindness and revered for his rigor is a rare thing. Additionally, Dan took on the role of Science Lead Teacher mid-year, and assimilated into a complex teacher-leadership role with grace and aplomb.

Bright, kind, dedicated and thoughtful, Dan is one of a kind. I greatly enjoyed working with him, and he was an asset to our program during his time here. I would hire Dan again in a heartbeat, but I know that his life has now brought him to Colorado, making a daily commute to Rhode Island perhaps a bit difficult. Therefore, it is without reservation that I recommend that you hire Dan Pellito. You won't regret it.



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