

*Arlington Public Schools Art Department
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with mixed feelings that I write a letter of recommendation for Brian Corey who is currently a middle school art teacher in the Arlington Public Schools. As K-12 Director of Visual Art, I have supervised and evaluated Brian this past year. Before coming to Arlington, I supervised dozens of K-12 art teachers for twenty years in a neighboring town, Winchester. Over this past year, the Town of Arlington has faced one of its worst fiscal situations in recent memory and the school department budget came up very short for the 2010/2011 school year. The budget deficit is likely to cause reductions in the K-12 art staff and this might affect Brian because of his seniority position. So my mixed feelings have to do with wanting to do everything I can to keep a teacher of Brian's quality on the Arlington Art teaching staff but also wanting what is best for Brian's career as an exemplary art teacher.

Brian has numerous professional strengths and they include his love for children, great organizational and managerial skills, extensive knowledge in both the technical and aesthetic aspects of our discipline and a high degree of achievement in his own personal artwork. He brings a rare combination of pedagogical and artistic skills that make him a highly valued member of this visual art department.

Brian has strong communication skills as well. He is prompt, articulate and clear in his communication with me and he is dynamic, funny and transparent in his presentations and demonstrations to students. His one-on-one discussions with students are supportive and differentiated. Brian works closely with a second art teacher at the middle school and he has been a collegial team player and would be a terrific addition to any staff that is made up of members that work closely together.

It is my hope that Arlington can keep Brian Corey. But if he does become available and if you are fortunate enough to add him to your art teaching staff, many children will benefit for years from your decision to do so and the art program in your school will become stronger. I recommend him to you as highly as I can.

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Sincerely,



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