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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Joe Jakcsy. Joe began teaching 8th grade Science at Lake Bluff Middle School in August of 2011. Joe's position at LBMS is a long-term sub position for a teacher who has taken a leave of absence. That teacher is expected to return, however if a position were available that Joe would be certified to teach I would not hesitate to offer it to him. He has done an outstanding job here at LBMS.

Joe was among approximately four hundred applicants for the position and most had previous Middle School teaching experience. After completing three days of interviewing, Joe was unanimously chosen by our interview committee to be the 8th grade Science teacher. Over the course of this school year Joe has distinguished himself as an excellent teacher.

As a first year teacher I have observed Joe frequently and can say without reservation that he has a bright career in teaching ahead of him. In addition to my own observations I have been approached by students, their parents, and other teachers who without provocation have shared with me their feelings of Mr. Jakcsy and the high quality teaching he brings to his classroom. Joe has a solid foundation in the content and pedagogy of his subject matter. Even more impressive is his approach to planning and preparation for every lesson and his calm and concise delivery of instruction. Joe demonstrates an understanding of the needs of every student in his classroom and works diligently to assure that they are appropriately challenged. Joe's classroom management skills would be considered excellent for a veteran teacher and are the best I have ever seen from a first year teacher. Joe consistently provides positive contributions to his team of 8th grade teachers. He is a problem solver who often thinks outside of the box to find new and different ways to help struggling students.

A temporary teaching position is never easy but Joe has truly risen to the challenge. I speak for every teacher in our school when I say that we are sad to see him go. I take comfort in the fact that Joe's experience here in Lake Bluff is only the beginning of what will surely be an outstanding teaching career. I am that confident he would be an asset to any school and the community it serves. If I can be of any assistance in providing further information about Joe's qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Nathan R. Blackmer, Principal
Lake Bluff Middle School

