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To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Gina Nesbit for a position teaching middle school art at Community School of Naples. I have known and worked with Gina for over 20 years. Rarely have I encountered a teacher with such talent, both as an artist and a teacher. Gina is the perfect blend of caring and compassion for her students and knowledge and ability of her craft. In the twenty plus years I have known and worked with Gina, I can count on one hand the number of teachers I could recommend to you unequivocally; Gina is one of them.

I have been teaching art for Collier County Public Schools for 25 years and have taught all levels—middle, elementary, and high school. I am currently working at the district as a mentor and coach to all of the art teachers in the county. In that capacity this fall I visited all 59 art teachers and their classrooms. During the time I spent in Gina's classroom, it was evident that the students adored her, that she genuinely cared for them, and that great art was happening—the work in the school hallways, the work on the classroom walls, the work the students were engaged in—and all was top notch. Gina is proficient in all media which is a real bonus—students will be exposed to and have the opportunity to develop proficiency in everything from watercolor to ceramics to oil pastel.

Gina will be an asset to the CSN staff. In addition to being an outstanding art teacher, Gina is naturally involved in the school community and local community, coaching drama, attending the students' sporting and music events, and working with community partners like Empty Bowls. Collier County's loss will be Community School's gain.

Again, it is without hesitation that I recommend Gina for this position at CSN. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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