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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to recommend my long-time colleague Lisa Hefter.

I recently retired after 19 years as Head of the Calhoun School, a leading private school in Manhattan. Lisa served on the music faculty for a significant part of my tenure. I know her and her work very well, in part because I am a violinist and was very active in the school's music program. Among the great semi-guilty pleasures of my work were frequent opportunities to play and perform chamber music with Lisa and others.

Lisa is a marvelous teacher, in every respect. Her students adored her and were motivated by her good spirit, high enthusiasm and vibrant energy.

I believe teachers must also be highly accomplished performers in their own right. Lisa is a superb violist and exceptionally insightful musician. Playing alongside or across from Lisa provided some of the most satisfying musical experiences I've ever enjoyed.

She is also a gifted composer. I have listened to and performed her work and have the highest admiration for her craft and artistry.

Along with these qualities, Lisa was simply a joy to work with. Lisa was always flexible, accommodating, cheerful and dependable.

I recommend Lisa with the highest possible enthusiasm and would gladly provide more detailed information if it would be helpful. I can be reached at [stevehutnelson@gmail.com](mailto:stevehutnelson@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

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