

The Buckley School

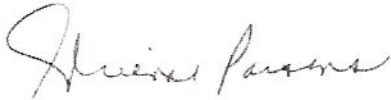
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Jonas Basom. I have known Jonas for the past seven years as his Assistant Principal in the Lower School. Jonas is an enthusiastic, creative, resourceful, and highly motivated individual. I have had the pleasure of watching Jonas join our faculty in 1993, fresh out of Amherst College, to take on the teaching of Drama and French to our Lower School students. Over the years, Jonas has matured as an educator and developed such a strong curriculum in Drama that he is now one of the best teachers with whom I have had the pleasure to work. He continually analyzes his approach to teaching, revising what works and what does not work with young children. Jonas consistently planned with every homeroom teacher to integrate Drama into Language Arts, Social Science, Music, and Art. As a result, the students experienced a drama program with depth and meaning, making connections across the curriculum.

Jonas will be an asset to any school or organization he joins. Among his colleagues, Jonas was appreciated for his ingenuity, perseverance, and humor. Among his students, Jonas was appreciated for how he got to know each one as an individual and the joy of learning he brought to their classes. Among the parents, Jonas was a professional who was dedicated to his craft and their children. He will be missed at Buckley.

Sincerely,



Adrienne Parsons
Assistant Principal/Preschool Director