

To Whom it May Concern:

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This letter is being written as a recommendation for my good friend and colleague, John De Gree. John and I have been on staff together at MacArthur Fundamental School for nineteen years. During that time, I have been glad to get to know him in various ways. First and foremost, John is a man who is serious about his Christian faith. I know this from the ways that he conducts himself as a History teacher. He is firm yet fair with his students, using patience with them, yet holding them accountable when it is necessary. He takes his job very seriously. In addition, he takes on extra responsibilities in order to make a difference for kids. This year he took on the task of organizing and putting on a National History Day, where 8<sup>th</sup> graders put together a history project, shared it with all the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, and entered it into a competition against other schools. This was a very arduous task, yet John took it on with enthusiasm and effectiveness. In addition, John is the master of ceremonies each year at our school's History Faire. This is a competition where 7<sup>th</sup> graders participate in a tournament for the day. John keeps the excitement going throughout the day in a way that no one else can!

On a more personal level, John really loves to share his faith in Jesus Christ with me. He and I have had numerous conversations about our Christianity. He is very open when I ask questions about what he believes and practices. He and I have prayed together on occasions as well. There have been times that we bring up different scripture verses and discuss their meanings and applications to our lives. There are few other staff members I know on campus who is so open in discussing spiritual matters. He has a wonderful knowledge about Christianity's history. This knowledge allows him to write curriculum about our nation's history from a Christian perspective. He has shared textbook ideas with me that he wishes to incorporate into lessons for kids. These lessons teach concepts about ideas such as how our nation's founding fathers believed in God and Jesus. John tries to illustrate how their beliefs found their way into writing America's freedom documents and creating our nation's government. In short, John is a person who truly incorporates his Christian faith into his work. As a result, he both educates and impacts others individually and collectively in an extremely positive way.

Sincerely,

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