



**CHINOOK'S EDGE  
SCHOOL DIVISION**

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a middle school band director, I have had the privilege of working with Jason Valleau on many occasions. Jason has worked with my students as a clarinet clinician as well as guest conductor. He has also worked with the Chinook's Edge School Division Honour band as a clinician for both clarinet and string bass. I have observed Jason working with students in small groups as well as full ensemble rehearsals.

Jason approaches instruction with a high level of preparation and professionalism. As a guest conductor, his score preparation was in depth, and rehearsals well-planned yet flexible enough to meet the needs of the instrumental sections and the ensemble as a whole. Rehearsals were high energy and well-paced for optimal participation and engagement. Jason is approachable and establishes a collaborative atmosphere where students feel valued. He cultivates a growth mindset approach to learning and students enjoy his humour and light-hearted approach.

It is with pleasure that I act as a reference for Jason. He is a talented musician, competent conductor and engaging educator. His extensive musical background and experience within the many facets of the music industry provides him a unique perspective as an educator. Above all, Jason exudes a passion for music in everything he does. As an educator, Jason will continue to inspire students to experience the joy of music as performers, creators, and consumers of music.

If you have any questions, I would welcome the opportunity to talk with you at greater length.

Sincerely,

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