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Introducing Lisa Jay

To Whom It May Concern:

A few years ago while I was serving as Superintendent of Schools for the Laguna Beach Unified School District, I worked with our Board of Education to conduct a national search for a dance teacher to lead the program at Laguna Beach High School. The dance program at Laguna Beach High had, over time, developed a sterling reputation as one of the strongest programs in the country and it was critical to our community that we find a teacher/leader who could enhance and expand upon the program's long-standing success. Based upon the reputation of the school district and the position's allure, we were able to attract a strong field of applicants for the position and we spent considerable time interviewing nearly a dozen of the top prospects. Even though the pool of candidates was truly fantastic, one candidate stood above the field—that individual was Ms. Lisa Jay.

After extensive reference checks and several sets of interviews, we hired Ms. Jay and from the very first time she stepped onto our campus, she demonstrated the professionalism and skills that we had hoped to find in our personnel search. During the two years that I had the privilege to work with Ms. Jay prior to my retirement from the district, I was astounded at her ability to relate to the students, community, and administration. Her knowledge of choreography and dance is "top of class level" and, more importantly, she has the nuanced teaching skills of a master teacher. Laguna Beach High School found a superstar in Ms. Lisa Jay and I give her my absolute highest recommendation. Any school system or university fortunate enough to acquire her professional services would soon find the same level of high satisfaction that our school system felt as we watched our program flourish under her guidance.

Sincerely,

  
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