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To whom it may concern,

This letter is being written on behalf of Zachary Hansel, who has been teaching at Mililani Middle School for the past 5 years. Mr. Hansel was initially hired in SY 2011-12 as a 10-month teacher and served in that capacity for four years, however, this school year was offered a 12-month teaching assignment in Advanced Technology.

Mr. Hansel has the experience of teaching in a middle school comprised of Grade 6, Grade 7 and Grade 8 students. His teaching assignment for the last four years has been Language Arts and Social Studies, however, this school year, he is teaching an elective course in Advanced Technology to all grades.


At Mililani Middle School, where the middle school philosophy is being implemented, teaming is extremely important. Teachers share a group of students, teaching them their core subject areas as well as electives. Mr. Hansel was able to work effectively with his team of six teachers collaborating in team planning and data teams. Currently, he collaborates with his colleagues teaching his elective subject of Advanced Technology.

He has the necessary skills to not only collaborate with colleagues on curriculum, instruction and assessment, but on major school initiatives being implemented at the school, such as accreditation, standards-based grading, STEM, etc.

Upon observation of Mr. Hansel's classroom, there is high student engagement at all times. Students feel comfortable to approach him with questions and to ask for assistance and support. Students are also aware of their learning targets when asked which ultimately produces high achievement.

Mr. Hansel spends a lot of time outside of the school day advising the VEX Robotics Club preparing them for district and state tournaments. Not only has he the desire to work in education, he is passionate to work with students outside of the school day. Mr. Hansel would be an asset to any school. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (808) 627-9000.

Sincerely,


Elyne E. Chung
Principal, Mililani Middle School