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Dear Selection Committee:

I am writing to recommend Michael Klein as a candidate for graduate school studies in Educational Administration. Mr. Klein has taught at High School of Art & Design since September 2011, the last year and a half of which I was his supervising Principal.

While a teacher at High School of Art & Design, Mr. Klein has played various roles in the school. He assisted as web master from 2011-2013 and was a chaperone to the SkillsUSA competition in 2013. He currently teaches animation to the senior class, technology-in-art and game design to sophomore students. He initiated the one year pilot to test the interest in game design this current school year. Mr. Klein was also the advisor for the afterschool animation club in previous years and is currently the advisor for the game design club. He has an enormous amount of talent with all things technological. He recently installed a number of peer-to-peer servers in various classrooms so that students and teachers could more easily store their files.

Over the summer Mr. Klein taught *ToonBoom*, an animation application, to students at two separate District 75 schools in Queens. He explained his involvement that he was acting on his belief that the students would benefit from the experience of working with a computer application used in animation and design studios world-wide. He is a firm believer in career education.

Michael Klein challenges his students by introducing various software programs into his curriculum. His animation students not only use Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, but also Toon Boom Anime Pro as well as Maya. He clearly can teach not only simple concepts, but also more advanced topics. He has excellent written and verbal communication skills, is reliable and motivated.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Frances De Sanctis
Principal