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To Whom It May Concern:

I have worked with David Consalvi in the Science Department at Shead High School for the past three years. During that time he has been my teaching colleague and mentor, always willing to share his passion and knowledge for teaching.

His passion for biology and the natural world is evident to both students and peers. He is a constant role model for his students, constantly asking questions and seeking the answers. His content knowledge spans a broad range of subject matter that is reflected in his teaching assignments, including biology, ecology, earth science, marine science, and chemistry.

I admire Mr. Consalvi for his ability to reach every student. In a school with a high percentage of students with special needs, he has created opportunities for every student to learn. For example, he created a course, Weird Science, that allows students to work individually, each asking and answering his/her own inquiries and working at his/her own level of ability.

In every course he teaches, Mr. Consalvi provides opportunities for students to pursue independent work in a chosen area of interest. For some students, this provides an opportunity to gain in-depth experience in the scientific method, preparing them for success in college. A good example would be his annual field study course in Bermuda where students gain hands-on experience conducting research in marine science.

Mr. Consalvi has been very successful integrating technology with his teaching. For example, his students learn to create poster presentations using PowerPoint. He also serves as technology consultant to the administration, faculty, and staff at Shead High School.

Mr. Consalvi has been highly successful in obtaining outside funding, supplementing the school budget for major equipment purchases and teaching materials. Recently his continuing effort in this area made it possible to acquire a color printer capable of producing the posters that students create.

In summary, I feel very fortunate to work with Mr. Consalvi as we strive to create the best possible science program for our students. David's work ethic and the high standards of achievement that he sets for himself as well as his students are exceptional.

Sincerely,

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