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To Whom It May Concern,

I have worked with Cole Schneider for the past 5 year both inside and outside of school. I am his high school band director, and he was a member of my private studio until this past spring. In that time, I have seen him grow in his capacity to work collaboratively with other students, in his musical expertise, and in his ability to juggle multiple commitments. He has taken advantage of varied learning opportunities to help determine where his passions rest, and has therefore developed a more centered sense of self.

The first words that come to mind when thinking of Cole include ambitious, committed, and talented. These traits have served him well in his desire for placement in the New Hampshire Music Educators All State Music Festivals. Cole's work ethic and determination were at the root of his success in achieving that goal last year. He auditioned on tenor saxophone, finishing 4th in the state. This score placed him the the Classical All State Band and the All State Chamber Music Festival. Cole auditioned for Drum Major this past spring and scored well enough to be one of our two Drum Majors this fall.

He received leadership training over the summer at both the George N. Parks Drum Major Academy and at a performing arts summer camp known as Camp Center Stage. This training seems to have done a world of good for Cole. His ability to collaborate has once again shown growth. Thus far this fall, I believe his improved ability to handle multiple commitments is also attributable, at least in part, to this training. Additionally, he continues to challenge himself musically; he thrives when working on intricate musical passages, and is a member of the prestigious Portland Youth Wind Ensemble.

Cole came back to school this fall well-rested with a decisive plan to help insure balance in a very busy schedule. He is a member of 3 in-school performance ensembles as well as being involved in the school's drama club and a community-based drama experiences known as the Ghoul Log. These commitments are in addition to preparing for multiple, upcoming auditions.

It is for these reasons I recommend Cole Schneider. I am available to discuss this student with you if you would like more information. I can be reached in the Kennett High School Music Office at 603-356-4360, or at [t\\_davison@sau9.org](mailto:t_davison@sau9.org).

Sincerely,  
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