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To Whom It May Concern,

I had the privilege of working alongside Carol Macy during the 2019-2020 academic year when she served as director of the E.O. Smith Drama Club. Carol impressed me as a consummate professional with a warm and caring spirit. She has a way of making everyone feel comfortable, respected, and valued.

As a collaborator, Carol is generous with her time, advice, and support. More than this, however, Carol has incredible heart. She's expert at connecting students to each other. Carol has a way of bringing out the best in her students--from elementary school children who played fairies to high school students who starred in *The Dream Rehearsed, An Imagined First Rehearsal of A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

In addition to being a visionary, Carol models intellectual curiosity, sensitivity to a range of personalities, and a passion for theater arts. She has boundless energy and a strong commitment to supporting students in the rehearsal process. Carol embraces the work necessary to create those magical moments on the stage. She pays attention to the details and the big picture. Through it all, she maintains a sense of humor.

She understands the benefits of a student-centered, highly interactive, theater company. Throughout her directorship I witnessed many students benefit from Carol's generous mentoring. Because she has faith in students, each player always delivers. In all she does, Carol strives to create ensemble.

Carol is a dynamo! She challenges herself by insisting on constant growth. Not only is Carol the consummate director, she champions arts and theater education. She regularly directs original interdisciplinary productions and produces her own stunning publications.

I wholeheartedly recommend Carol Macy. She has an energy, a dedication, and a talent that will redound, I am sure, to the benefit of your program.

Sincerely,

Denise Abercrombie

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Director of Fine Arts/
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