



# BELMONT DAY

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## Letter of Recommendation Frank Toppa

To Whom It May Concern,

It is both a pleasure and an honor to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Frank Toppa. A beloved educator, phenomenal musician, and kind-hearted man, Frank has taught music at the Belmont Day School for nearly two decades and has touched the lives of countless children and families along the way. Joyful to his core, Frank certainly has all of the musical talent and experience that one would ask for in an instructor, but his truest gift goes beyond any score or composition: he draws the very best out of his students each and every day.

Throughout his time at Belmont Day, Frank has served many different roles for our community, both within his capacity as our Music Director and beyond it. Frank has taught general music from PreKindergarten through sixth grade, has taught various musical electives for seventh and eighth grade, has served as the musical director for our annual middle school musical, has directed handbells, created and directed our Rhythm and Harmony ensemble, and has accompanied just about every grade level performance or sharing assembly in the school during his time here. Beyond that, he is an engaged and committed community member, consistently participating in our diversity committee, Braiding Different Strands, as a strong advocate for social justice.

Truly, Frank is a gift. So much so, in fact, that while he is reducing his role here at Belmont Day, we could not let him go entirely, asking him to return to work with our youngest students - Pre-Kindergarteners through first graders - in a part time capacity. The parents in our community, along with his colleagues, are thrilled that he will be returning to our school in this capacity.

It is with his tremendous impact on children for the better in mind that I recommend Frank to you without reservation and fully-throated. He is a wonderful man and would undoubtedly help your program thrive, just as he has our own.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding Frank's candidacy.

Sincerely,  
Brendan Largay

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