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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my honor to write this letter of recommendation for Jeffrey Almonaitis. Mr. Almonaitis was a teacher in the Riverhead Central School District when I joined the district as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in 2016. Over the following six years, I had the opportunity to observe him in the classroom and collaborate with him on several district-wide initiatives and professional learning events, during which he generously shared his expertise as a presenter.

During my time in Riverhead, Mr. Almonaitis served both as an educational technology teacher for fifth and sixth grade students and as a first grade general education teacher. In each role, he consistently demonstrated exceptional instructional skill, professionalism, and dedication to student growth. His lessons were engaging, thoughtfully planned, and designed to foster both academic skill development and student independence. He created classroom environments rooted in mutual respect, collaboration, and high expectations. Mr. Almonaitis built strong relationships with his students, understood their individual needs, and encouraged them to persevere and take pride in their learning.

I was continually impressed by Mr. Almonaitis's preparation, creativity, and ability to integrate meaningful educational technology into instruction in ways that enhanced student engagement and learning outcomes. His extensive knowledge in the area of educational technology was a tremendous asset to the district and to his colleagues.

Beyond his classroom responsibilities, Mr. Almonaitis consistently demonstrated leadership and a commitment to the broader school community. He willingly volunteered his time to plan and present at Superintendent's Conference Days, where he highlighted best practices in educational technology for faculty and staff. He also contributed to student- and family-focused initiatives such as Hour of Code and Career Day, always bringing enthusiasm, expertise, and a collaborative spirit to these events.

Although I left Riverhead in 2022 to become Superintendent of the Mahopac Central School District and have since retired, I have remained in contact with Jeff and continue to be impressed by his unwavering dedication to students and education. I am confident that he will be an outstanding asset to any school district or educational organization fortunate enough to work with him.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further how Mr. Almonaitis's talents, professionalism, and commitment to students would benefit your school community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Martinez". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christine" written in a larger, more prominent style than the last name "Martinez".

Christine Martinez (Formerly Christine Tona)
Retired Superintendent of Schools