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Dear TODA Leadership;

I am delighted to write this letter of recommendation for **Sean Carlton**, who has served the Seven Lakes HS Orchestras as the Assistant Director of Orchestras for the past four years. Prior to his selection, he was the Head Director at Newman Smith HS in Carrollton.

Sean is confident, hardworking, organized, and proactive. He senses tasks that need to be taken care of and expedites the completion of them. Our recent spring concert, with a video game theme, took a life of its own and was completely propelled into the 21st century as it was peppered with video elements, including live video gameplay involving students and administration. From start to finish, all the elements were put together with a result that was energetic, engaging, and entertaining.

As a musician and educator, Sean is ambitious, confident, and is a lifelong learner. He continues to seek self-improvement through self-analysis and continuous study. He tries to impart these same values onto his students and live his life with a positive growth mindset. He encourages his students to perform at their best and has positive results in all curricular and extra-curricular competitions.

Adaptable, confident, and relatable, Sean will encourage others to join and become more invested in Texas Orchestra Directors Association. A ready confidante and advisor, I am blessed to consider him my friend.

Sean seeks the office of Member-at-Large for many reasons, but none are so compelling as his dedication and work towards safeguarding the profession of music educator. With diminishing populations of teachers entering the profession, he continues to work for not just our students, but for the future of music education in Texas.

I have no doubt that Sean would be a tremendous asset to the existing TODA board. His thoughtful and progressive insight will continue to positively impact both students and teachers across the state and for generations to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Desiree Overree

Director of Orchestras,

Seven Lakes HS