



Carrollton - Farmers Branch
Independent School District

Creekview High School

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Ms. Barbara Stafford. I have had the pleasure of knowing Barbara for the past nine years as she has taught privately here at Creekview High School and Blalack Middle School.

Barbara has an incredible background of performance and knowledge. She has played professionally and semi-professionally with orchestras and ensembles around the metroplex.

Barbara really loves teaching, and that is probably the most important thing. She enjoys helping students advance in their studies and really attempts to tailor instruction to the individual student. She has the heart of a teacher, and her students feel how much she cares for them.

She has worked primarily with our middle school and high school students on both violin and viola, helping them in fundamentals such as scales, etudes, position, posture, etc., as well as more challenging repertoire to help ready them for the next level orchestra. Advanced bowing and shifting techniques are staples of her teaching. Her students progress easily and are prepared for class and rehearsals, as she also readily works with them on their school music. They perform at the highest level in Solo/Ensemble contests, receiving Superior and Honors ratings.

We have really enjoyed having Barbara work with us at Creekview and Blalack. Barbara has been a wonderful addition to our cluster. She will continue to share her love and knowledge of music with all she knows and teaches.

Sincerely,

Julie Blackstock
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