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To Whom it May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter on behalf of John Dolan. I have been directly working with John for 6 years in several capacities at St. Luke's. Chiefly, I have worked with John as a faculty member on the fifth grade team and most recently as the main Middle School computer teacher. In addition, John had been my main summer school teacher for the past several years.

Through all my interactions with John, I have watched an educator who painstakingly plans his lessons that are always age appropriate, fun, and that completely support other academic curricula. What impresses me most is John's ability to adapt to changing situations. The courses that John teaches during the summer can usually have a myriad of age groups within one class. John's versatility as an educator allows him to take his original lesson plan and adapt it to the different age groups. In addition, his lessons are always technology based. Being able to balance traditional concepts, such as study skills, with modern technology enthusiastically engages the students to master the necessary skills for a 21st century student.

As a Middle School administrator, I look for versatility in my teachers. I feel that John has demonstrated time again his range and versatility with different age students and with different material. His background in both elementary education and Middle School computer education makes him an asset for any school. I can confidently recommend him without reservation. If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (203) 801-4871 or email me at chuhtam@stlukesct.org.

Sincerely,
Mark E. Chuhta
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