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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Art DeFilippo, an administrator in the Amphitheater School District and currently the Principal at Keeling Elementary School. Art came to the Amphitheater School District in 1991 and served as the Principal of Coronado K-8 School until 1993 when he assumed the principalship at Keeling Elementary.

Throughout his administrative career at Amphi, Art has established a reputation as an extremely capable, effective school administrator. He has consistently displayed qualities of initiative, conscientiousness and professionalism. In his current position as Principal of Keeling Elementary, a Title I school, he expects and achieves high standards from his students and staff. He has been extremely successful in turning new programs into highly effective operations and these programs have greatly improved the effectiveness of instruction at Keeling. His thorough knowledge of federal and state regulations enables the programs at Keeling to consistently attain positive results.

Art has been a principal in Tucson Unified School District for two years and at Amphitheater School District for eleven. He was acting Superintendent at Altar Valley School District, and a teacher at the University of Arizona and the University of Phoenix. He has been named the Arizona Teacher of the Year and has received an award as a Distinguished Educator at the University of Arizona.

Art has the capacity to work independently and can be entrusted with difficult, long-term assignments. You can always feel assured that Art will follow through and complete any project in a thorough and efficient manner, with minimal guidance or direction. One of his greatest strengths is the ability to motivate staff and community to strive for excellence and work together to achieve common goals.

I recommend Art DeFilippo without reservation. He is an outstanding educator.

Sincerely,

Vicki Balentine, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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