

April 7, 2021

Dear Interview Committee,

Christopher Cassano has been in my classroom teaching a few lessons in the year 2020-2021. The three he presented were on population ecology (wolves on Isle Royale), of homeostasis and cell transport and genetics (Mendelian, non-Mendelian, and meiosis). Chris has excellent knowledge of all areas in Biology, including content knowledge needed to teach AP Biology. While teaching, Chris pulled information from real life to help students understand the concepts and remember them more easily. Chris used several online resources with his lessons and has an excellent working knowledge of Canvas and the internet in general. I could tell from his interactions with students, learning their names, asking questions about how their weekend was, and what they did for fun, he had genuine interest in the students' well-being. Chris has an easy going personality and has gotten along well with the other science teachers and with me.

I have been a biology teacher/environmental science teacher at Rhinebeck High School for 20 years. I have known Christopher Cassano for a number of years since he attended Rhinebeck High School. As a senior, Chris took Environmental Science with me. There I learned he had significant knowledge of herpetology, both as pets and in nature. He contributed to the class when we learned about natural history.

I highly recommend Chris for any Biology or AP Biology position available at your school. He is hard working, determined to do his best for his students, and has basic knowledge of NGSS. He is creative in developing new labs or new lessons. He has the curiosity of a scientist and reads current scientific articles to increase his background knowledge. I'd be happy to discuss his candidacy further, so you may contact me at my email address cfritz@rhinebeckcsd.org or christine.fritz84@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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