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Dear MSU MAET members,

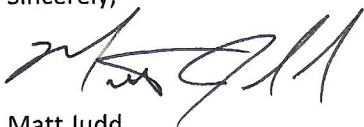
I am writing on behalf of my co-worker and friend, Greg Lemoine. He is currently applying to your MAET program. I would like to take some time to outline why I think Greg is a good candidate and why he is an asset to your program.

To lay a little foundation, I have known and worked with Mr. Lemoine for the last four years. During that time, I worked in both the elementary and middle school grade levels. Quite often, I enlisted Greg's help to help me increase my knowledge of technology, not as a fun, game playing tool, but as a tool to pair with my instruction. Greg, always the proponent of technology in education, was always willing to help. Greg went through various options to help me to develop my own class website based on my needs. Almost daily, we share applications on mobile devices. I specifically like how he shares applications which allow me to control and organize all my sources of information. To top all of that off, Greg has inspired me to enroll in a Masters in Education Technology program myself. Someday, the two of us will pool our resources and rule the EdTech world!

Beside the help he has given me, I have also witnessed his ability to help our entire staff mature as technology users. Despite a high number of skilled teachers at our school, many were not incredibly tech savvy. Greg helped demystify technology so others could see it as a tool to improve their practice. From there, various staff members have approached Greg for personal mentoring and guidance in the areas of tech in the classroom. When it comes to demonstrating useful technology in the classroom, Greg is always the first to volunteer. He has attended various national and international conferences where he has presented practical ideas. This is also evident at our monthly staff and team meetings as he continues to share useful nuggets of technological wisdom. To round things out, our school really bloomed, technologically speaking, when we adopted a tech grant two years ago. As a part of this grant, each teaching member of the school was given \$500 to spend on technology tools for the classroom. Greg was instrumental in helping bring this to fruition and with helping us plan for and ensure that the technology was used in a beneficial manner for our students.

Despite the fact that Greg is from Green Bay, Wisconsin and I am from Minnesota, our sports ties would normally seal our fate as mortal enemies. However, Greg is someone I am fortunate to have called a co-worker and I am even more blessed to call him a friend. Without reservation, I recommend "Goyo", as we affectionately call him, for MSU's MAET program. You will enjoy all he brings to the classroom! If you require further correspondence, I can be reached at: bluesoxshortstop@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



Matt Judd