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Letter of Support For Don Ross, Artist

This letter is written in support of Don Ross, a local artist that has a very special skill. Don is able to help children and adults of all ages to create exquisite pieces of art in only an hour and a half. I know this sounds impossible and I would not have believed it myself had I not witnessed it first hand.

I first met Don about four years ago. He was doing custodial work for the Sweet Home School District. We were talking about hobbies and he mentioned he really enjoyed art and especially teaching kids how to do art projects. One thing led to another and before I knew it Don was doing classes all over our school district. One day Don invited me to watch one of his lessons with a third grade class. In a little over an hour and a half, all twenty five students had created an ocean scene that was beyond belief...every child's piece of art was excellent. The smiles on the children's faces said it all.

Since that time I believe that Don has worked in almost every school in our District. He is in constant demand. His reputation has grown. I know he was even invited to do a program at a large art show in Las Vegas. In addition to his work with our students, he has put on many evening workshops where parents and students create art work together. It sends chills down my back when I see the relationship building that goes on in these classes.

I have no idea how Don does what he does. I do not think his gift could be taught. What I do know is that it is a wonderful gift that he enjoys sharing, especially with children. Even more important than his artistic talents is the fact that he is a quality individual and an excellent role model for our children.

The bottom line with Don Ross is simple...you have to see what he does to believe it...and what you see will be unbelievable!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Horton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry Horton, Superintendent
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