

March 19, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Sam Long. Sam was my team teaching partner for the 2014-2015 school year at Fremont Middle School. During this past year, I have observed him in a variety of capacities including planning, teaching, scheduling, working one-on-one with students, proctoring standardized tests, and communicating with parents, other teachers, and administrators.

Mr. Long is extremely knowledgeable in his areas of concentration, which include Middle Childhood Language Arts, Social Studies, and Math. He has established an understanding of how adolescent students learn and develop and is proficient at planning and delivering instruction that meet the needs of our diverse group of students. Sam is extremely approachable and our students feel comfortable seeking additional help and support from him. One of Mr. Long's strongest qualities is his ability to find an alternative way to explain a concept that a student struggled to understand initially.

Mr. Long is incredibly dedicated to his career and the success of his students. He is consistently one of the first teachers to arrive at school in the morning and the last to leave at night. In addition, Sam is extremely flexible. On several occasions, he has rearranged his afternoons to spend time working with students who needed additional help after school. The amount of time he dedicates to teaching is truly admirable.

Sam possesses a positive personality, which has been especially important with the challenging group of students that we are responsible for working with this year. His positivity never diminished through all the challenges we faced as first year teachers. I can always count on Sam to keep my spirits high and encourage me to put my best foot forward, even on the most challenging days.

Mr. Long is committed to his professional growth and seeks council and learning opportunities to enhance his repertoire of skills and knowledge. He actively sought feedback from his colleagues and was willing to try new ideas and techniques within his classroom. I have found that other staff members have accepted him as a strong working member of our school and he has had a positive working relationship with each one of them.

I am confident that Mr. Long will be an asset to any staff that he works with. Sam is highly professional, confident, and knowledgeable. I believe that he will continue to grow and become even more effective as a teacher with further opportunities. Please feel free to contact me for additional information at hallo@fremontschools.net.

Sincerely,



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