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To whom it may concern:

It is my absolute pleasure writing this letter of recommendation for Mr. Rhys Smoker. I have known Mr. Smoker since the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year when he began working as a paraeducator in our special education program at Fairhaven Middle School.

Rhys immediately struck me as someone who is hardworking, supportive, and motivated to make a difference. I have witnessed his exceptional qualities, values, and work on behalf of students, in partnership with the staff, and cannot recommend him highly enough.

Ms. Smoker has worked at Fairhaven as a special education paraeducator, general education paraeducator, as well as substituting for teachers. As a paraeducator in the resource room, he supported students who have Individual Education Plans (IEPs). Mr. Smoker has worked with 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, providing both academic and social-emotional support. He is always excited to collaborate with his coworkers to consistently find ways to problem solve and manage any situation thrown his way. Mr. Smoker works diligently to ensure all students feel a sense of belonging, safety, and respect.

From helping students access resources and tools, working closely with students on their IEP goals, ensuring students are caught up on their assignments, managing classrooms as a substitute, to lunch supervision, Mr. Smoker puts his 100% into the task at hand. He consistently checked in with me, other teachers, and administration to ensure he is up to date on IEPs and student behavior plans.

Mr. Smoker's experience and breadth of knowledge combined with his passion for student learning allows him to forge meaningful relationships with students, parents, and staff. Mr. Smoker's dedication and kindness shines through every day. His hard work and motivation will be an asset to any position he pursues. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 527-6607 or [jasleen.aulakh20@gmail.com](mailto:jasleen.aulakh20@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Jasleen Aulakh