

Castle North Middle School

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Dear Search Committee:

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Josh Watjen for the administrative position at your school. I have had the privilege of knowing Josh for fourteen years and working closely with him for the last eight years in various capacities within an educational leadership setting. In that time, I have come to know Josh as a dedicated and capable professional, and I can say with confidence that he possesses all the qualities needed to be an outstanding administrator.

As an athletic director, computer science teacher, and technology coordinator, Josh has consistently demonstrated a commitment to the success of our students. He manages a diverse range of responsibilities, from overseeing athletic programs to troubleshooting technology issues for his colleagues. His ability to balance these tasks while ensuring the success of his students is a testament to his strong organizational and problem-solving skills.

In addition to his role as a teacher and athletic director, Josh has proven on occasion to be an invaluable extension of our guidance department. He volunteers to work with students who are in need of additional support, whether behavioral, emotional, or social. He always approaches these situations with a calm and compassionate demeanor, offering guidance and support when it's needed most. His ability to connect with students and offer support in a way that promotes their growth and development is one of his many strengths.

Josh is also continually striving to learn more in areas that are critical to student success, particularly in special education, 504 law, and best practices in student services. He has demonstrated a genuine interest in becoming more knowledgeable to the evolving needs of our student body. His willingness to ask questions and gain deeper insights demonstrates his commitment to personal growth and effective leadership.

I have no doubt that Josh will excel in any administrative role. His leadership, dedication to student success, and compassionate approach make him an ideal candidate for an administrative position. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Thank you for considering Josh for this opportunity. I am confident that he will be a tremendous asset to any team.

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