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Dear Sultan Education Foundation,

I am writing this Letter of Reference on the behalf of Hayden Russell Murphy. My name is Mark Dalbeck, I am the Life Skills teacher, Assistant Football and Softball Coach at Sultan High School. I have known Hayden for 6 years, since he was in Middle School at Sultan Middle School. I have known him as an athlete, a student, and as a peer mentor.

Hayden is a natural born Leader, has been since I first met him as a 7th grader. As one of his football coaches, he was an extension of the coaching staff, organizing his teammates before practice, after practice, and during the offseason. Hayden is one of the most reliable, flexible and honest athletes I’ve coached in my 25 years of wearing a whistle.

Not only is Hayden a leader and gifted athlete, he’s also a compassionate, instinctive peer mentor. I was blessed to have him as a Peer Mentor in my 6th period Life Skills Vocations class where he became a big brother and a positive role model for the students in my room. Hayden has the innate ability to know how to work with students that have differing abilities. His leadership and reliability skills from football transfer to the classroom, as he was responsible for supervising and guiding students as they completed their jobs outside of the classroom.

Hayden is about to embark on his life journey, the first stop at Northern Montana State University, where he will fulfill a life long dream of playing college football. The path to this goal has been filled with joy, adversity, hard work and at times disappointment, but I’ve watched him traverse these obstacles in a positive manner, never giving up, and always growing from each experience.

I’m excited to watch his next chapter unfold. I know he will attack it with the same grit and determination as he’s shown during his time at Sultan High School. I’m proud to have had the opportunity to be a small part of his life, and even more honored to be able to call him a friend and truly one of the good people in the world. Hayden Murphy will always represent himself, his family and his community in a positive light!

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