

John D. Pierce Middle School

SOUTH REDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To Whom It May Concern:

I had the privilege of having Tom Gunnells as my student teacher for the fall semester, 2006. It is with full confidence that I recommend him for a teaching position in your district. As a veteran teacher, I have had the opportunity to see many student teachers in action, but Tom was above and beyond them all.

Tom exhibited all the traits of a highly qualified teacher during his time in my classroom, including the ability to plan lessons, deal with disciplinary issues, and keep in contact with parents to monitor student achievement. He has excellent written and verbal communication skills, is well organized, reliable and computer savvy. Tom can work independently and is able to follow through to ensure that the job gets done.

Tom proved himself willing to go the extra mile to help his students succeed, often coming in early or staying late to provide additional help to his students. When one of our staff had a death in the family, Tom volunteered to take over his position as basketball coach while the staff member was on bereavement leave. His personality and sense of humor allowed him to gain the respect of his students in the classroom.

I highly recommend Tom Gunnells for a position in your school district. The district that hires him will not regret the decision. If you have any further questions regarding Tom's qualifications or ability, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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