



Baltic School District 49-1

1 Bulldog Avenue • PO Box 309 • Baltic, SD 57003

Superintendent (605) 529-5464
Elementary Principal (605) 529-5461
Secondary Principal (605) 529-5461
Fax (605) 529-5443
www.balticschool.org

"Preparing All Students to be Successful in Life"

Cameron Kerkhove, MS/HS Principal

February 3rd, 2020

Dear Selection Committee,

I am honored to write a letter of recommendation for Parker Christeson. I have known Parker for the last school year. Parker has been an asset to our staff since he walked into the building. Parker was placed with a wonderful teacher here in Baltic, and he has taken full advantage of everything Mr. Waldrop has to offer him. Parker stepped up and is currently coaching our C team boys' basketball team. He has done a wonderful job not only with the boys as a basketball coach but also as a role model and teacher. Whenever anything is needed, Parker is very willing to go above and beyond.

Parker has shown great promise as a teaching candidate. He has stepped right in and done an excellent job in the classroom. Students and staff have spoken highly of Parker and his teaching ability. As far as student teachers go, Parker is one of the best I have been around in my years as an educator. He is a natural educator who has a great feel for the classroom and his students, and I feel this will follow him in any school where he ends up.

One of Parker's strongest characteristics is his ability to create meaningful relationships with his students. Whenever I see Parker in the halls, he is always interacting with his students and working on building relationships. Just last week, I had three middle school students ask me if it was allowed for them to nominate Parker for the Baltic School District Teacher of the Year Award. When I asked them why they felt this way, they responded that Mr. Christeson makes learning fun, puts the information in a way that they are able to understand easily, and that he cares about his students. I think they summed Parker up as an educator and person perfectly, and I could not agree more with their reasoning.

You will not find a more dedicated individual to be in your district. Education is the perfect career field for Parker, and I do think he will be an incredible educator. Our staff, students, and administration will be sad to see him leave next year. If you have any other questions, you can contact me at 605-421-0888 or cameron.kerkhove@k12.sd.us.

Sincerely,

Cameron Kerkhove

Robert Sittig
Superintendent
Robert.Sittig@k12.sd.us

Cameron Kerkhove
Secondary Principal
Cameron.Kerkhove@k12.sd.us

Rhonda Gross
Elementary Principal
Rhonda.Gross@k12.sd.us

Marsha Polzin
Business Manager
Marsha.Polzin@k12.sd.us