

January 30, 2020

To Whom It May Concern

This letter is being written on behalf of Mr. Parker Christeson as he is pursuing a teaching position. I was Parker's Dakota State University Supervisor for the fall of 2019. Parker is still finishing up his teaching residency at Baltic Middle school as I write this letter.

I really enjoyed watching a potentially great teacher in the making. Parker has a gift of connecting with kids. I was in his classroom five times, met with him each time and with his cooperating teacher three times. Parker is "made for teaching". He is organized but flexible, determined but poised, and is a very nice person.

I have been in the education business for 40 years now and saw, in Parker, a real special talent. Another of his strengths is how he collaborates with his colleagues, especially his CO-OP teacher. They made a great team. Parker picked up many things from his lead teacher that he incorporated without losing his own identity or creativity.

I was hoping to be with Parker the rest of the year to watch him teach but the university decided to assign him to another supervisor for the second semester of his experience. But I do know that Parker is going to be a great teacher and whoever hires him, will have made a good decision.

Please feel free to contact me any time via email (garythomas0022@gmail.com) or my cell (605-690-3472) if you have any questions about Parker Christeson and his abilities.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Thomas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gary Thomas
DSU University Supervisor