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Letter of Recommendation for Joseph Wright

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Joseph Wright. I have had the opportunity to work with him at Merit College Preparatory Academy since 2016. He is a fantastic teacher and coworker. He is incredibly knowledgeable about his content and the principles of teaching. We have worked together in the Social Studies department on various strategies to improve student skills and to more fully implement a project based learning approach to our Social Studies curriculum. The progress we've made as a department to improve historical thinking skills is wonderful and much of that has to do with the efforts Joe makes to apply what he knows to his teaching and approach to his profession.

I've been fortunate to observe him teach. He loves history and he loves the students he teaches. He looks for opportunities to give students hands-on experiences and has developed some of the best project based-learning units I've seen for his history classes. In addition to the history courses, he also teaches Spanish and an English language learner class. He employs these instructional methods to create a student-centered learning environment. To me this demonstrates his passion for working with students as he embraces many different skills and content areas.

Joseph is an asset to any organization because he is a passionate educator and serves everyone in the school. He is open minded about student needs and always eager to accommodate those needs. He works well under pressure and seeks creative solutions to problems as a teacher and as a member of a team. Most recently he was asked to work on bringing a learning management system to our school and spent many hours outside of his classes to prepare our school for Canvas this year. Without his constant efforts we would not have been ready to roll out Canvas during this unusual year as we adjusted to hybrid classes. He is quick to offer help to students and other teachers who are struggling with this new platform and endlessly patient with those who ask for help every day. Furthermore, he is very tech savvy and always willing to help students and teachers who may be struggling with online learning

His enthusiasm for education is felt by all of us he works with but I can personally see the skill, the desire and the passion he brings to building a strong school community. I believe he is a fantastic candidate for your school and will bring strength, success and growth to your learning community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rachel Barlow

Social Studies, Department Head