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To whom it may concern,

Mr. Ben Joliffe was a student teacher in my classroom at Legacy High School for twelve weeks in the fall of 2017. Ben was responsible for teaching Freshman Global Studies, Junior US History, and all grades World History. Ben had 6 classes with 138 students. Ben performed additional duties chaperoning dances supervising at lunchtime and coaching both football and basketball.

Ben made an impression from day one with his students. Ben built relationships so well that kids were sad to see him go. He cared for each and every kid's social/emotional well-being as well as his or her academic needs. Ben was flexible and stern when managing the classroom. He knew when to give a little and when to take a little, compromising as needed and demanding when the times were right.

Ben did a great job working with both standards based grading and traditional letter grading. He learned how to implement project based learning with a variety of learners. Ben operated in a one to one environment with ease integrating technology into his teaching. It is in this educator's opinion that Ben will make a strong educator in the future possessing the soft-skills and pedagogy to join this great profession.

Sincerely,

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