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Administrators:

It is my pleasure to recommend Mr. Vincent Church for a secondary history position in your school district. I have worked with Vince for the past three years and can comment favorably on his academic performance, work ethic, and potential as a future educator.

I first worked with Vince in 2007, when he enrolled in my U.S. Sport History course. The subject and material proved a workable fit with Vince given his athletic background. He proved himself an above average student. He submitted lucid work on the role of U.S. football and how it contributed to the Civil Rights Movements of the 1960s.

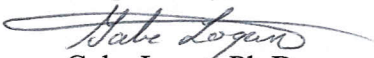
Last year I again worked with Vince, this time in the Secondary History methods course. Once again Vince demonstrated his ability to wrestle with the material. He successfully composed a student centered two week teaching unit on World War II. Further, he successfully demonstrated his ability to convey these lessons to the class through short yet powerful lectures, group activities that engaged all learners, and assessments that offered many ways for the students to succeed. He earned superior marks in this class and demonstrated many hallmarks of a promising educator such as a commanding presence, patients, and enthusiasm.

I was please with Vince's intellectual growth and his desire to hone his teaching methods. Further, he completed my course while successfully serving as an assistant coach to NMU's varsity football team. The time commitments required to succeed in the classroom and on the field demanded that Vince structure his time so he could fully devote himself to each endeavor. I was pleased to see how well Vince succeeded. His work ethic and attention to detail set him above many of his classmates.

From the accounts of Vince's cooperating teacher and university supervisor, he continues to succeed in the classroom during his Student Teaching experience. This is expected and confirms my observations of Vince's enthusiasm for the profession and his ability to engage the students. Given his solid academic and athletic background, he will make a valuable educator for the district that employs him and a fine role model for the community. I fully endorse his application.

If I can further elaborate on the past performance or potential of Mr. Church I welcome the opportunity to do so. Please contact me through the information below.

Respectfully,

  
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