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To Whom It May Concern:

Vince Church has been doing an excellent job student teaching in my classes for the last eight weeks. I have 27 years in the classroom and have had many student teachers over that time but none have the natural abilities and the skill levels that Vince possesses. I attribute his effectiveness with classroom management, student motivation, and the ability to get the students engaged to his coaching background and to his work with the Northern Michigan University football team and their athletic department.


Vince did his first eight weeks with the gym teacher. Just before Vince was to start with me I approached the gym teacher for his assessment. He gave me a smile and "two thumbs up." He was correct for Vince is that good. I was able to accelerate his activity in my classroom because of his enthusiasm and capability. I was greatly impressed by his innate abilities, his motivation and the initiative he demonstrated in taking on classroom responsibility. Vince also has that trait that I've noticed in successful student athletes – excellent time management skills. He always completed his task/work ahead of schedule and his work was always superb.

Vince is in complete control over a full schedule of two U.S. History classes and one World History class with sophomores, two senior Government classes, and one Learning Center class of sophomores. He has developed his own effective lesson plans with appropriate assessment activity. Vince has participated in parent /teacher conferences and other parent/teacher activity dealing with individual student issues. He has worked with our administrators and counselors with students who have IEP's and 504 plans. In all these activities he has been a thoroughly professional and valued member of our school team.

The students at all levels like and respect him. He controls their learning environment with a firm hand, a smile, and a kind word for all the students. He motivates students to be active learners using a variety of methods. He takes suggestions well and will very quickly "monitor and adjust" his lesson plans to make them more effective.

As you can tell I am greatly impressed with this young man. Vince is the best student teacher that I have had the honor to work with and I am sure he will be a successful member of any faculty that is fortunate enough to hire him. Please do not hesitate to call me for further praise. Vince is the type of teacher a successful school system needs. You can reach me at work (906) 225-5724 or at home (906) 249-3949.

Respectfully,


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