



Highland Elementary

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Rich Hills II, Principal

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am taking this opportunity to recommend Ben Allmaras for a principal position in your district. Ben has become an integral part of Highland Elementary as he has worked as a fourth-grade teacher over the past three years. Ben has become a leader on his team and would be a great addition to any district.

During our time together, Ben has shown a love for children and teaching. He is a natural in the classroom and manages his class with grace. Ben has brought many fresh ideas to his math team and enjoys collaborating with other teachers to bring highly engaging lessons to his students. Ben has taken on the difficult task of not implementing one, but two new resources over the past 3 years. Most recently helping guide his team to successfully navigate the hurdles of implementing a new reading resource. This was a school-wide task and challenged all our teachers, but Ben was able to keep a cool head and lead his team to success.

Our elementary school is highly impacted with second language learners, at approximately 40% English Language Students. I have witnessed Ben implement strategies in his classroom that are meant for English Language Learners but benefit multiple learners. He has worked with multiple newcomers and has contributed to increasing literacy skills, speaking skills and overall confidence in the English language.

Ben has also been a fundamental part of starting and maintaining a Boys Club for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. We began this group 3 years ago as an opportunity for our intermediate boys to have a positive male influence in their lives. Ben has utilized his coaching expertise to run an after-school sports club. This club focuses on teamwork, becoming a leader and sportsmanship. It is inspiring to watch a talented athlete pass on his knowledge to boys who may not have that influence at home.

I believe Ben is a wonderful teacher and leader. We will be sad to see him go, but know that he will be an amazing addition anywhere he lands. I highly recommend Ben for a position in your district with absolute confidence that he will excel and bring a new level of energy and ideas to any school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jade Bomba". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jade Bomba
Instructional Coach, Highland Elementary