

# School District of Luck

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am in my first year in the Luck School District in my first administrative role; I did not fully know what to expect when I came to Luck. I found out immediately that my pre-conceived thoughts about small school districts were all wrong. I have come to find out that Luck did not match my biases because of Christopher Schultz.

Chris' unwavering professionalism, his depth of knowledge, his vision, his passion, and his dedication have had incalculable positive effects on this entire school district in his short time here. Chris has empowered department heads to become better leaders and has empowered teachers to continue to hone their crafts. Chris has brought instructional coaching to Luck along with an intervention program to help struggling learners—things I didn't expect in a district with fewer than 50 students per grade.

Chris also has almost single-handedly turned around the accounting in this school for the better. He inherited a business office that was routinely off by hundreds of thousands of dollars at the ends of fiscal years. Chris recognized a multitude of problems and made quick and decisive actions that turned this district around. Because of his guidance and influence, the food service program posted a balance in the black for the first time in over twenty years after his first full year. At the most recent auditor's report, the auditor made several mentions to not knowing what changed around here, but he made it abundantly clear that for the first time in a long time, Luck appeared to be on the right track. The auditor didn't know what the positive change was around here, but I did—it was Mr. Schultz.

Mr. Schultz has been invaluable to me as a beginning administrator. He has always had time for my questions, and moreover, his help has always been right on the mark, thoughtful, and delivered with consistent passion. Chris lives and breathes education, and I consider myself lucky to have him as a mentor and as a leader. Chris has even personally led in-service trainings—something that not many district administrators find the time, or have the passion, to do.

Any district that is fortunate enough to have Mr. Schultz as a leader will soon find out just how lucky it is. Your gain as a district will be our loss, but the positive influence of Christopher Schultz in Luck will be sure to last long into the future. Please feel free to contact me for any questions you may have.



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