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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that we sit down to write a letter of recommendation for Jordan Parks. As his two cooperating teachers here at DeWitt High School, we can personally attest to his ability and work ethic. He is energetic, enthusiastic, well-organized and worked extremely hard to implement a variety of different teaching strategies in the classroom. His extensive experience not only through his coursework in college, but also through his life experiences really separates Jordan from the rest of the applicants out there seeking a teaching position. He has an uncanny rapport with students and genuinely cares about young people.

Here at DeWitt, Jordan had the opportunity to teach United States History and United States Government classes. He also taught a daily seminar or homeroom period called PRIDE, which focused on preparing our Junior students for college and life after college through the Career Cruising program and other activities. During his internship, Jordan demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism and fit in nicely with our staff and student body at DeWitt High School. His sense of humor and communication skills helped to create an atmosphere where students felt comfortable and willing to participate. It was clear from the first day that one of his biggest strengths would be his ability to take over the room with his upbeat attitude, while at the same time modeling his excitement and personal interest in the subject matter for his students. He gained the attention and respect of his students immediately, and continued to set high expectations for his classes, both academically and behaviorally. His lessons were challenging, and appropriate as they pushed students to make the connection between the content of his class and the real world.

On a personal level, we have actually known Jordan for several years through his experience as a basketball official in the Mid-Michigan area. He is a man of great integrity and class and someone who will always represent himself and his school with honor. We strongly believe that his decision to become a teacher is a great move for him and the young people fortunate enough to benefit from it in his work in the classroom. At the same time, he is someone who is willing to spend time with students after school as well, whether it be to work on academics or extracurricular events. In his time here as an intern, he was a regular fixture at basketball games, musicals, and other club functions, allowing him to get to know our students on a more personal level and they definitely appreciated his time and interest in their lives. We cannot remember an intern that got more involved than Jordan in our Homecoming Spirit Week festivities.

Jordan always comes prepared to give his best effort and he would be an excellent choice for any prospective school looking for a quality educator, and an even better person. Any school would be fortunate to have a person like Jordan Parks on their teaching staff. If you have any questions, or would like to contact us personally, please do not hesitate to call at (517) 668-3193 or (517) 980-4594 for Bill McCullen, or (517) 668-3130 or (517) 410-7998 for Mike Brya.

Sincerely,

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