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Dear Vail Mountain School,

It is my pleasure to write a letter on behalf of Ben Winderman. I worked as Ben's supervisor for eighteen years and he represents to me the consummate educator. *He cares deeply about his students and his subject matter and tailors his lessons and practices with creativity and passion. He has been a staple in our department/school for a long time and he is seen by staff and students alike as one of our consistently finest teachers, counselors, and coaches.*

Ben is not a traditional person in many ways. He is daring and inventive and willing to inject his interactions with his own personality and insight. Students in his contact have an experience and it is one that stays with them. He appeals to the Ivy League College bound students as well as the non college bound academically weak students. He cares about students emotional well being first and their intellectual passion to follow. His non-elitist non-judgmental nature allows him to relate to all types of people. He connects with students that other teachers don't and gets them to work harder than they have in the past.

In terms of coaching and counseling Ben is seen as a local icon here at Hatboro-Horsham. He has made a habit of producing Division 1 bound players athletically, who consistently credit Ben as their inspiration. He is a nuts and bolts engineer of quality teams and cares about the little details constantly. In terms of counseling it is a daily occurrence for Ben to be walking with a student in the hallway, coordinating a diverse group for training, or conducting a formal mediation between disputing kids. He is a great speaker, motivator, and a warm human being. His student and athletes are lucky to come under his guidance.

Finally Ben is very professional and dependable. He is reliable in terms of deadlines and expectations. He is always prepared and somehow manages to juggle teaching, coaching, counseling and parenting responsibilities effectively. He is very much looking forward to a change in his career and has the flexibility to grow. He is talented, witty, and joyous. I know you will be impressed with his demeanor. I recommend him enthusiastically as a teacher in your History department. He can teach any subject in social studies, because he teaches students not curriculum.

Respectfully Submitted,

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