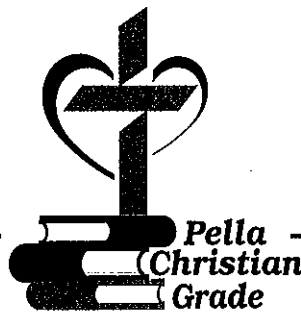


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To Whom It May Concern:

At the time of this writing, Mr. Collin Barnes is serving as a Middle School Language Arts Teacher at Pella Christian Grade School. He is finishing his first full year in this role. Please consider extending an interview to Mr. Barnes.

Collin is an absolute expert in the content areas that he is certified to teach. He would be an excellent fit in 5-12 English/Language Arts as well as 5-12 History. I believe he is excellent in these areas because he goes above and beyond in his lesson plans. He works hard to develop innovative lessons that include hands-on experiences, engaging videos, unique outdoor experiences, various forms of technology and lots of writing. He also understands how to effectively integrate technology as all of his students have iPads and Moodle accounts.

Collin has a variety of interesting experiences that would benefit any staff. These experiences include teaching high school English and History, teaching American Sign Language, serving hearing-impaired students in Jamaica, two years of experience serving communities after a hurricane, firefighting in Washington, and service in the Iowa Army National Guard. He also has experiences on staff at Pella Community Middle School and Pella Christian Grade School.

I would describe him as being enthusiastic, out-of-the-box, and challenging. Pella Christian Grade School would love to hire him to continue serving here.

Please feel free to contact me at any time at 641-628-2414. Thank you very much for your careful consideration of Collin's candidacy.

Sincerely,

Dr. David De Jong
Principal/Superintendent
Pella Christian Grade School