



**Glenwood School
District #401**

February 16, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

With great pleasure I serve as reference for Collin Barnes. I have known Collin for the past two years. In that time he has been a colleague teaching down the hall and also a carpool partner; so I feel I have insight on him as a professional and as a personal friend. I am impressed with his ability to motivate our students with his outgoing personality, calm demeanor, and winning attitude. He puts in the extra time and hard work to make him a very successful teacher, especially with his ability to relate to a wide range of our students.

Collin has brought a breath of fresh air to our staff, and he has been very willing to help share some new techniques he has learned in "teacher school" with our staff. As a first year teacher last year, I needed him to be an advisor for an elementary class; with little hesitation he took the challenge head on and had a very successful year. This is a testament to his dedication to our students. While primarily our English department, as a fellow history teacher, it has been nice to bounce ideas with—and in some cases do—some cross-curricular activities between our classes. This winter he has taken his passion for health and fitness and started a workout group with both students and teachers after school several nights a week. He is interested in sharing his expertise with this group and it seems to grow with each meeting.

I recommend Collin as a teacher who will do his best in any new and challenging experience he may face in the future and see him as a deserving candidate for a position at your school. I would hate to lose him from our staff, but it is my hope that he can find a future that will help him with his journey in education. He very much deserves to be a candidate for any teaching position. His penchants for hard work and his dedication to students make him stand head and shoulders above the crowd.

If you would need any further information please contact me at 509.281.0508 or aoldenbu@esd112.wednet.edu

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Aaron Oldenburg".

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