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RECOMMENDATION FOR PAUL BROCKLEHURST

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It is with enthusiasm that I recommend Paul Brocklehurst who has worked at Carmel Catholic High School for two and a half years. He began as a full time substitute for a mathematics teacher on maternity leave during the first semester of the 2004/05 school year and was hired as a full time teacher beginning in August of 2005 until the present. He has taught Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus Honors, Geometry Honors and Physics Honors.

In my role as Associate Principal and new faculty supervisor, I have been witness to his many gifts. Paul is a skilled professional, who draws on his expertise and his commitment to success in a spirit marked by dedication, enthusiasm and selflessness. He is an admirable individual both personally and professionally.

Paul has all the characteristics that are marks of an outstanding teacher. First and foremost, he has an expertise in the field of mathematics and physics. His skill is also evident in its classroom application. This was very apparent when the principal, Fr. Robert Carroll, and I observed his classes. No matter what the academic need of his students, Paul was able to communicate with them and to challenge them in a classroom environment that made learning enjoyable. He maintains excellent rapport with his classes and with individual students, based apparently on mutual respect. His ability to balance control and discipline with humor and individual freedom creates a positive environment for learning. He exhibits a realistic understanding of student needs and encourages involvement in learning while stimulating and promoting creativity, critical thinking and self-expression. Paul is very well liked by his students because they sense the care and respect he has for them, and because they value his clear, organized approach to teaching.

One of Paul's greatest strengths and a key to his success in his role as teacher is the dedication that is readily apparent in his relationship with students. He reaches out automatically. Genuine concern and interest are integral parts of his personality. Often I see him working with students before and after school. He has an open door policy that allows students to seek extra help. He is always able to find the time, putting his own convenience secondary to the needs of the students.

Another way in which Paul extends himself to the school community is through his role as soccer coach. His skill in working with students translates itself to his work on the field. The result is a high degree of success for his teams and a positive experience for the athletes.

I have enjoyed a career in education for over thirty years; fifteen of those years have been spent in Administration. During that time I have had the privilege of working with gifted individuals, those whose ability far exceeds the norm. I don't hesitate to say that Paul Brocklehurst falls into that category. His gifts are obvious. I have no doubt that the skill he exhibits daily in the demands of being a successful teacher and coach, along with his proven academic achievement, are clear indicators of his potential.

Sincerely,

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