



Northwestern High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

Educator Rita Pierson said that “every child deserves a champion and adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.” As a Social Studies teacher, Grant Jeffrey is a champion of all students. He teaches all levels of students and for each one he is their supporter and encourager.

As a young teacher we gave Mr. Jeffrey the challenge to teach our highest level of social studies— Advanced Placement US History (APUSH) students. He accepted the challenge, and he has been extremely successful in helping his students grow as historical readers, writers, and thinkers. From our college preparatory Government and Economics classes to our (APUSH) classes, Mr. Jeffrey teaches students with both rigor and empathy. Furthermore, Mr. Jeffrey “demonstrates extraordinary compassion, empathy, and concern” for his students. He realizes the importance of building trusting relationships with his students. They describe him as a teacher who is engaging, relatable, and fair. They depict him as such because in the classroom Mr. Jeffrey differentiates, scaffolds, and engages his students through a variety of strategies. He realizes that “one size does not fit” all in his classroom. He provides support before and after school and during all our lunch blocks. This proves that he is a teacher who wants his students to be successful.

Moreover, Mr. Jeffrey works with colleagues in his department. Through his collaboration with other teachers in the Social Studies department, Mr. Jeffrey has helped create a positive, working climate. In his PLCs, he shares lessons, examines data, and supports his colleagues with instructional decisions so that students experience success.

Supportive, positive, and inspiring, Grant Jeffrey helps students “become the best that they can possibly be.” He will be an asset to your school and a champion for your students. I give him my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

Patti J. Tate, Ed.D.
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