

# DUBOIS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *Middle School*

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow this letter to serve as a strong recommendation for Nathan Pearce, whom I have supervised during his 7 week student teacher experience here at the middle school in my 7<sup>th</sup> period classroom.

Even though I have known Nathan only a short time I believe Nathan would do a great job in any school district or setting. The first strength that Nathan has is planning and flexibility in planning. Nathan was placed in my classroom during the month of April and the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment tests. Nathan surprised me by tailoring his instruction to be flexible with the testing schedules and interruptions. His instructional planning provided a smooth transition between testing and class work for my students. Working with 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, this is of utmost importance to me. His skill in planning is something I do not often see out of college students

Nathan also tackled the challenge of teaching World History with 7<sup>th</sup> graders in my classroom with professionalism and rigor. His expectations for students were high and he continually worked to adapt instruction to meet the needs of all students while keeping instruction aligned to state standards. He continually works to improve his own teaching methods and does not settle for "good enough." Nathan completed all tasks assigned by me in a meticulous manner and questioned things he did not feel were right. Nathan used a variety of instructional strategies including the extensive use of graphic organizers and internet technology. He also encouraged and promoted reading and writing across the curriculum through various assignments and activities.

Nathan played an active role in our team teaching setting. He participated in team meetings, department meetings, and analyzed data using our 4-Sight Testing System. Nathan has a positive attitude and his "can-do" spirit is evident in student attitudes towards him.

I urge anyone who reads this letter to seriously consider Nathan for any social studies position your district has to offer. Feel free to contact me at anytime.

Cordially,



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