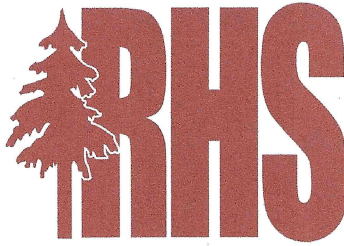


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To Whom it May Concern:

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Matthew McHan. I have had the pleasure of working with Matthew over the course of this year and he is undoubtedly one of the finest teachers I have worked with.

Redwood High School is a small destination school focused on students who want a smaller learning environment, may need credit recovery, and are looking for one of three career technical education pathways; digital arts, culinary arts, and/or industrial arts. Our new state of the art facility opened this year and Matthew has been the lead for the digital arts program. He is also responsible for our fine arts classes consisting of drawing and painting.

Matthew's teaching practice is extraordinary in a multitude of ways. He has a calm, unassuming nature and provides students with a safe, non-judgmental environment, offering students a wonderful atmosphere to explore their creativity. His warm ups involve students from the time they enter the classroom and they are engaged bell to bell with hands on activities throughout the class period. Matthew consistently uses checking for understanding practices to support all students and to guide his instruction. As students may enter Redwood at 6 weeks intervals, new students may enter an already established class. Matthew seamlessly integrates these students into the course work through the delivery of independent daily lessons.

Matthew is committed to the success of Redwood High School and takes on a considerable amount of extra activities to support the school. He is on district committees for technology and fine arts, he oversees the school website, and he produces artwork for the majority of activities that the school offers, to name a few. Redwood is in an accreditation year and Matthew contributed greatly to the writing of the report. Matthew has excellent writing skills and is always available to lend a hand. Of note, he is also an excellent musician and has provided entertainment at school functions.

I believe Matthew will be a great asset to any school that is fortunate to have him. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions.

Stephanie Ogden
Principal
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