

PICTURE BUTTE HIGH SCHOOL

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RE: Letter of Reference for Spencer Wenzel


Spencer Wenzel taught his Professional Semester II practicum at Picture Butte High School from March 3 until April 16, 2014. His teaching assignment was in Science and Science 14 with Mr. Jeremy Thompson acting as his teacher-mentor. Spencer displays the makings of a fine professional teacher. He displays the ability to develop a strong rapport with students characterized by mutual respect, while maintaining appropriate professional boundaries. His classroom management was very appropriate for a student teacher at his stage.

Spencer is a hard worker who accepts constructive input into his teaching with humility and reflection. I find this to be a key characteristic to the development of a strong, professional teacher. When presented with suggestions, Spencer works diligently to incorporate these into his teaching and is always looking to improve. The lessons that I observed were well thought out and I noticed a marked improvement in his practice by the end of his placement.

I was pleased and impressed that Spencer devoted his time to assisting in the coaching of our high school boys basketball team. His obvious expertise was greatly respected by the players and helped him develop immediate legitimacy with the team. When I watched him coach, I saw what he has the potential to become as a teacher – poised, confident and respected.

All in all, I feel that Spencer has a bright future as a professional and I wish him the best in the future.

Sincerely,


Sterling Paiha, Principal