



## Lincoln Park High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with the greatest pleasure that I write this recommendation for Enan Heneghan. He was my student teacher during the first quarter of the academic year 2010/2011. He took over two of my sections in British Literature, covering material beginning with English history and language, *Beowulf*, the high and late Middle Ages, and ending with Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*. He led the classes without any intervention on my part for eight consecutive weeks. In conjunction with teaching two classes for my colleague, Mr. Kevin Streicher, he would teach four consecutive periods every day, having to move locations twice. Throughout this time, Enan demonstrated both exceptionally detailed understanding of the material and an engaging vivaciousness in his interactions with the students. Within a matter of days, he had taken a firm, but friendly control of the classroom. His students held him in the highest regard, thus eliminating any behavioral problems. In working through *Beowulf*, for example, despite the difficulties for understanding presented by the verse form, the historical distance, and even the language of the Burton Raffel translation in our textbook, he was able to bring the text alive with his enthusiasm. He also has an excellent sense of pacing and was very well prepared for the points he needed to cover in each particular lesson.

Apart from being well versed in the material, Enan has an outstanding creativity in developing activities that help students make connections between such culturally and linguistically distant texts like *Beowulf* and *Canterbury Tales* and the type of fictions they encounter in the present day. For example, Mr. Heneghan developed a writing prompt that helped students understand the archetypal quality of the monster Grendel, by focusing their attention on his outsider status and the actions that constitute a threat to the established order.

Enan also impressed me with his dedication to getting to know each individual student and with turning around student work in record time. He was present during report card pickup and demonstrated his detailed knowledge of students in the conferences with parents. Enan's attitude, sense of responsibility and professionalism are exceptional. He is hardworking, capable, and independent. Enan's creativity and dedication were also noticed and appreciated by the rest of the British Literature team. He was present during all team and professional development activities.

Enan is without doubt a teacher who makes a difference in the lives of his students and colleagues. He quickly earned the respect and admiration of students, parents, teachers and administration at Lincoln Park High School. He is kind, patient, and knowledgeable. He would be a tremendous asset to your institution and I enthusiastically support his application. If you require further information, please feel to contact me at Lincoln Park High School (773-534-8130 x24803) or via email (mfalkenberg@cps.edu).

Sincerely,

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