

July 23, 2013

Dear Madam or Sir:

I have known Kevin Kelly for five years. We worked together professionally for three years at Glen Lake Community School where he was the principal and I was a counselor.

As part of a visioning team, we looked at the needs of the school to brainstorm and creatively plan for the future. Working closely together with other staff, specific and challenging needs of individual students were assessed and addressed. Also, we collectively developed and utilized interventions for students regarding academic and social needs as well as standardized testing and curriculum. Kevin was a voice for creative solutions. He sought to develop strategic plans to enhance the overall educational and social/emotional environment within our school.

In my time with Kevin at Glen Lake, I observed him lead not only students, but garner the support and respect of the teachers and parents alike under his leadership. He was able to inspire, motivate and encourage those he supervised. Unlike many administrators, he was willing and did walk with us through the process and work of a given task. This is not to say that he did not delegate, but that he didn't abandon those under his administration. Extremely organized, efficient and hard-working, Kevin accomplished more in a few hours that most individuals do in a few days. He is truly a natural and gifted administrator. Bright, articulate, and knowledgeable, Kevin has excellent interpersonal skills that surely contribute to his success.

Working closely with Kevin meant being privy to his incredible sense of humor and the environment that it produces. This man is one of the wittiest I have ever known. As an exceptional communicator skilled at building relationships, Kevin's fun-loving nature made him a beloved principal by students and staff. He had an uncanny ability to relate to students while gaining their respect at the same time.

Please know that I give my strong recommendation for Kevin Kelly for this position. I would be more than pleased to speak with you. Feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,
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