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To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to enthusiastically recommend Mark Shaufler of Motivational School Talks for any opportunity your organization might have for him to speak into the lives of students.

Since the 2019-20 school year, Mr. Shaufler has been a regular guest speaker in our district (minus the 2020-21 school year due to pandemic restrictions). He has shared three of his presentations with our students: Anger, Wounds, and Suicide Prevention. Over these years, we have been very impressed with his ability to connect with both students and staff. We are grateful for his overwhelming willingness and flexibility to meet the needs of our students as well as our schedule. He was very accommodating to the demands our schedule presents and was willing to drive a long distance to be here - often including overnight accommodations.

Mr. Schaufler is a consummate professional. He comes prepared, thinks ahead about the time structures he has been provided, and is willing to adapt and adjust to unforeseen circumstances. It is highly evident that he has been conducting these presentations and working with this material for many years. His stories are entertaining yet engaging, and students can't help but start incorporating the new "universal language" Mr. Schaufler encourages. He understands the difference between 30 years ago and now: he has a profound understanding of the challenges current generations face and how those challenges are different from the ones their parents - and even staff - faced when they were teenagers. In fact, this year, we hosted our first Community Night with Mr. Schaufler as our guest speaker. His presentation was warmly received and appreciated by the parents and community members who attended.

His presentations are incredibly relevant and impactful, and we continue to be very grateful for the time he has spent in our building. We highly recommend him to any organization or school looking to enhance and improve the social-emotional skillset of both teenagers and the people who care about them.

With the highest regards,

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