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To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this letter of reference to let you know about the positive influence and dedication Weston Thompson had while on our Junior Football team this year. I had the privilege of getting to know Weston initially via emails asking if he possibly could play for our team here at T.A. Blakelock since his school, Robert Bateman High School is closing and a team would not be offered there this or sequential years. Here at Blakelock, we were only able to run a varsity program the last three years due to a lack of player personnel, however, this past season, we attempted to run separate Junior and Senior teams. It is partly due to the fact that Weston (along with 3 friends), were dedicated enough to travel every single day via taxi to practice and on game days, take our team bus. Throughout this time, not once did I hear Weston complain about having to do this, but rather, looked forward to the opportunity to both learn and play.

Truly a team player, he is also one of the most coachable players I have ever had on our football team in the last 20 years. Weston easily integrated into our team due primarily to his overall athletic prowess and positive attitude. Furthermore, he did everything he possibly could to help lead the team to a win, including playing on both sides of the ball in two of the toughest positions both physically and mentally, starting Linebacker and starting Running Back. That being said, I was also impressed with his ability to seek assistance for ways that he could improve his play. Not only this, but when necessary, he spoke to younger 'new' players about their role or how to possibly improve their play. It is this type of leadership that actually made my job as head coach easier. On top of this, baseball not football is his true passion so I can only imagine his dedication on the diamond.

I have no doubt that Weston Thompson will be a fully dedicated, responsible and excellent addition to any team that is lucky enough to land him. If any other information is necessary, please feel free to contact me at (905) 827-1158 or email staintonj@hdsb.ca.

Sincerely,

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