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To Whom it May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Derrick Hopkins for an elementary teacher position in your district. I have known Derrick for almost fifteen years in his capacity as an elementary teacher at Willsboro Central School where he has been employed since 2001.

Derrick Hopkins is truly an outstanding educator. He brings enthusiasm, experience, knowledge, and fun into his classroom on a daily basis. Derrick spends hours researching and designing high-interest curriculum for his students. This curriculum includes lessons in all academic areas with specific focus on ELA and science. He designed and taught spiraled lessons in science for grades 4, 5, 6 while also implemented the common core ELA learning modules for fifth graders.

In 2014, Derrick served as an ELA Coach & Facilitator for CVES in which he trained area teachers on NYS Education 3-9 ELA modules. The professional development he provided local teachers was essential and well received by the schools and staff members.

Derrick puts his heart and soul into everything he does and he does everything well. This is equally true in his passion and love for the arts, especially drama where he has served as the drama advisor/instructor for the past eighteen years. He is the pied-piper in this area and has engaged thousands of students on the stage in multiple productions. It is amazing how he is able to bring out the best in his young performers. In fact, the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) recognized his expertise in 2014 with the Heart of the Arts Award.

Derrick Hopkins is a teacher that will do anything and everything for his school and more importantly his students. He is an expert in curriculum, a dedicated professional, and an inspiration in the classroom. He makes learning fun for his students.

I give Derrick Hopkins my highest recommendation. My advice is to Hire Him! He will make your school a better place and your students will love being in his class.

If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Stephen Broadwell
Superintendent of Willsboro Central School (Retired)