

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Forde regarding the teaching opening at your school. Mr. Forde has been an influential part of my education at River Falls High School over the past two years. During this time, I have gotten to know Mr. Forde quite well and can say with complete confidence that he is very capable of filling any position and doing it well.

I had Mr. Forde as my teacher for a class called Crime & Delinquency my junior year and from the first day of class I could tell he was going to be one of my favorite teachers. He connects with students on much more than an academic level and makes sure everyone is comfortable and confident in his class. He wants his students to participate and feel connected to one another. I always enjoyed how he would tell us stories about his life and ways in which his experiences had shaped him into the person he is today. Hearing life lessons from teachers who you can tell truly care about their students is very important to me and I have always believed Mr. Forde has cared about not only my education but about my life outside of school as well. I am on the golf and forensics teams and he always makes sure to ask me how my matches and tournaments went and even if they did not go well, manages to remind me that I can always do better next time and to stay confident in myself.

I also appreciate the effort Mr. Forde takes to support students in their preparation for life after high school. One of the most stressful parts of high school is ACT and AP testing and also deciding where to go to college. Having an adult who understands a student's stress and is able to not only guide the student but also help them excel through those stressful periods of school makes the student feel more confident in what they want to do after high school. There are a lot of unknowns after high school and having a voice of reassurance is always helpful. Mr. Forde already is the voice of reassurance for many students at River Falls High School and I know he would be able to help lots of unsure students not only become more confident in their futures but also in themselves wherever he is at.

Overall, I highly recommend Mr. Forde because he connects with students easily and has always been someone I could go to whenever I was having a problem I did not know how to fix on my own. He is the voice of reason every student needs when going through struggles, wanting to grow, and making huge decisions on their future.

Thank you,

Emma Vik

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