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To whom it may concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Chad Forde. I have had the opportunity of interacting with Chad for the past two years as I am a paraprofessional aide in the Emotional Behavioral Disorder program at the River Falls High School, and have supported his classes. I am also writing from the perspective of a parent as Chad has taught my son in multiple social studies.

My son felt Chad was a wonderful teacher, and that he was not only fair but taught with enthusiasm and had a curriculum that was relevant to the world in which we live. Chad uses a rigorous curriculum that exposes his students to key issues in our world from the past to present. He has a way of informing the students of not only the positive events that have shaped our world, but the negative as well, in a very sensitive and professional manner. Chad teaches with passion not only for the subject he is teaching, but for the students he has in his classroom. My son learned a tremendous amount from Chad Forde's Crime and Delinquency class, and felt he was one of the best teachers at River Falls High School. It is apparent from the enthusiasm that the success of River Falls High School students is a top priority for him. He goes above and beyond his teaching duties to bring new and necessary opportunities to our whole student body. I have also watched him work countless hours outside of his school day to make the College & Career Planning Night and the Western Wisconsin College Fair a reality. In the many discussions relating to the College & Career Planning Night and the college fair it became clear that one of Chad's strongest passions and assets is his drive to help students discuss and figure out what options they have following high school. With the great relationship building skills Chad has it creates a climate where students want to talk and get excited about their future with Mr. Forde.

I have also worked with Chad in regards to the students in our Emotional Behavioral Disorder program, as he has had several of our students in various classes. Chad has a very approachable and easy going attitude when it comes to working with all his students. I feel he takes the time to get to know each student and find out what they need to be successful. Chad has experience working with students from all walks of life, which has benefited him greatly at River Falls High School. I feel Chad does a great job handling the daily stress, and at the same time is laid back enough so it feels like a safe and fun environment for kids that are struggling with daily emotions. Chad has a very good sense of humor, which is key in this role, as you have to be able to relate with the teenagers, set a good example, and motivate the students to take the next step after high school. I have watched him interact with the staff as well and he has always handled himself in a very professional and approachable manner, which I feel is key when working with so many different personalities. Although he was the teacher, and I the aide in his classroom, I was treated as an equal which shows his sense of respect for all staff members. I feel Chad has all the qualities to be successful at your school and would benefit any school district and their students lucky enough to have him on their team.

Respectfully,

Genevieve Jerry