



## South Washington County Schools

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation for Chad Forde and would highly recommend him for any social studies and/or leadership position to which he is applying for. I have worked with Mr. Forde during the 20-21 school year in my position as Principal of the South Washington Alternative High School. The South Washington Alternative High School is a tenth through twelfth grade alternative learning environment, broken into two programs, a day program and an achievement lab. The SWAHS serves approximately one hundred and thirty students of varying ability levels and interests. Many of the students we serve have struggled in previous learning institutions and come in with preconceived notions of what school has to offer.

On several occasions I witnessed Mr. Forde providing scaffolded opportunities for students to experience a social studies content in relatable ways. Many of the strategies that Mr. Forde uses allow for students to make their prior knowledge known and build on concepts that allow the students to show proficiency on a standard. Mr. Forde spends a great deal of time looking at different ways to engage students, he continually assesses his instruction and highlights the areas where he could improve on and then shifts his instruction to make that happen. By taking this approach I have witnessed significant growth out of students who struggle to connect in other classes.

Mr. Forde has shown a tremendous knack for connecting with students. Mr. Forde's warm personality and genuine care for students shows up immediately when you walk in his room. He greets every student and takes the time to learn something new about them while also sharing his own real world experiences. Mr. Forde is organized and detailed, he has used these attributes to connect with students and families throughout the year and raise the level of achievement within his social studies classes this school year.

I highly recommend Chad Forde to be considered for any positions that he is seeking. I know that he has the integrity, skills, and personality needed to uphold an excellent reputation for any district he is applying too. If you have any questions regarding his qualifications, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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