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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Chad Forde for employment in your district. I have known Mr. Forde for two years and have worked with him in many capacities during my time as a school counselor at River Falls High School. I was able to serve with Chad on the Academic and Career Planning Committee, River Falls High School Character Committee, and supported his work as a classroom teacher. Mr. Forde is a true educational leader and someone who will make a positive impact for both staff and students in your district. Chad is an exceptional individual who excels at everything he does. Your district will be lucky to have him!

Mr. Forde currently serves as a classroom teacher and head girls tennis coach at River Falls High School. In this role, he has transformed the courses he teaches and made significant changes and improvements to the tennis program. In Chad's first year at River Falls, he implemented and hosted the Western Wisconsin College Fair that provided an opportunity for all students in River Falls and the surrounding community to meet with and gain exposure to over 80 universities and community colleges. Chad was the single person responsible for this major change in student programming and truly created an amazing opportunity for many students and families.

As a classroom teacher, Chad is one of the best teachers I have ever worked with. He has developed meaningful and engaging lessons and courses that students would beg to be placed in. Chad is one of those amazing educators who brings content to life and makes what he teaches relevant, relational, and rigorous for all of his students. Chad creates a classroom environment where all students feel welcomed and are in a position to learn. Chad continually demonstrates passion for his work and a solid understanding of all things related to education and student success. Chad is an advocate for all students and he does what is best for students and families in his school community. Chad does not shy away from tough conversations and is willing to do what is in the best interest of students and staff.

On a professional level, Chad has been and will continue to be an excellent educational leader. I have had the amazing opportunity to work directly with him in professional development, curriculum mapping, lesson planning, and school wide committee work. As a school counselor, I have greatly benefited from the feedback and guidance he has offered me as I transitioned to River Falls High School and worked with him on multiple projects and student issues. Personally, Chad is an amazing person of character and has become a very good friend of mine. I relied heavily on Chad during my first year in River Falls and he helped me navigate tough student issues and truly supported my work as a school counselor. Chad maintains high levels of integrity and support at all times and is a rational problem solver which is vital in a school setting. Chad is excellent at developing relationships with students, staff, and parents and people know he truly cares which is why I would often time come to him for help with a student's issue and continually had to beg his forgiveness for making his classes rather large. Simply put, Chad makes a positive impact wherever he goes!

It is for all these reasons that I wholeheartedly recommend Chad Forde for a position in your district. He does great things in his current district and will continue to do great things throughout his career. If you would like to further discuss my recommendations for him, please do not hesitate to contact me at 715-247-4848 ext. 222 or via cell at 651-283-9913. I would love to speak with you more about Chad and his work in River Falls.

Kind Regards,

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