



June 30, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of referral for David Kohout, a gentleman I have known for about ten years. David is a motivational speaker that we have used on many occasions to speak to various groups of our students. Last May, a week before prom, David spoke to our juniors and seniors about making wise choices. His message was right to the point and he punctuated it with many fine examples. He knows how to speak to kids and kids listen to his message because they know that he really cares about them. You knew they were listening to his message because he totally held their attention (over 300 students) for an hour. David has the gift of being able to communicate with kids because they know that he is sincere and totally believes in what he is saying. David is totally dedicated to his purpose of providing hope in the lives of young people.

This past December, two of our seniors passed away and David was one of the first people to call and offer his services to help our students try to understand and cope with this tragedy. For about three days, he was in our building and made himself available to any students that wanted to talk.

Another occasion where David has spoken to groups of our students has been our annual retreats. We have used him over and over again because we feel he delivers a very important message, a message that stresses the value and self-worth of each individual.

Having listened to David on many occasions, I would strongly recommend him as a motivational speaker because he touches the lives of students and gets them thinking about their lives and the things that are important. He does a great job of getting his message through to teen-agers. He relates to them which isn't easy to do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Cooney".

James M. Cooney
Assistant Principal

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