



Howland Local Schools

"Providing the most appropriate education to our students in a safe learner-centered environment"

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To Whom It May Concern,

September 10, 2014

I am writing this testimonial on behalf of David Kohout and *Talk Is Cheap, Inc.* David was the keynote speaker at Howland Local School's convocation day on August 21, 2014. He spoke to over 200 teachers, 120 classified employees and 15 administrators. His message struck a chord with all of us. The comments and remarks after his speech were profound from the audience members and he has already been invited back to speak to our High School and Middle School students. The delivery of his message was impeccable for the audience, he spoke about the educational climate today with sincerity but was still able to address with levity. His message was more than a story of what he had been through; but a message of changing the lives of the students we serve and seeing the "greatness" of all of our students.

David Kohout receives my highest recommendation. It is often a difficult task to plan for a quality speaker on the first day back for staff members that can reach the entire school community, but once David took the microphone it became effortless. We were "standing in the presence of greatness."

Respectfully,

Ann Marie Thigpen
District Administrator
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