

August 31, 2021

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Brian Lewandowski for a teaching position within your district. I have been able to observe Mr. Lewandowski for several years as both a colleague and a supervisor. Throughout my time working with Mr. Lewandowski, he has shown to be a vital asset to our students, our staff, and our community.

As an educator, Mr. Lewandowski has strived to create lasting relationships with his students and families. Brian was able to establish a dynamic learning environment that not only felt comfortable, but allowed students to take risks to grow academically and socially. Mr. Lewandowski has taken a sincere interest in his students and has created a rapport with each of them to help them reach their full potential. Brian has proven that this rapport with students along with consistency of high expectations, has assisted him in increasing their achievement.

Throughout our time together, Mr. Lewandowski has not only impacted students and created fantastic relationships, but he has also impacted the growth of his colleagues and staff as well. Mr. Lewandowski took the initiative to be a leader and get involved in professional learning opportunities to grow himself and his colleagues. On several occasions Mr. Lewandowski volunteered to facilitate professional learning to our staff and lead our staff in their learning. Along with his dedication to helping others grow, Mr. Lewandowski utilizes feedback to further his role as an educator. He often requested to be observed and quickly implemented the feedback to enhance the learning opportunities of his students.

Above all, Mr. Lewandowski is a very dependable educator. Whether I was working with him as a colleague or as a supervisor, I knew I could count on Mr. Lewandowski for anything. He was there to assist with students, facilitate learning, or jump in and help with events. No matter what it was, Mr. Lewandowski would jump in if he knew it would impact children. Having someone like this on my team made things run smoothly and more effectively for our families and our students.

Through his hard work and initiative to grow, he will be a fantastic candidate for a teaching position within your school district. I highly recommend Mr. Lewandowski to your school district and know he would be an asset to your students, staff and community immediately. Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact me at (412) 498-7017.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brandon Whitfield  
Assistant Principal  
Pittsburgh Langley K-8



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May 15, 2017

Dear Fellow Educator:

I have had the satisfaction of working successfully with Mr. Brian Lewandowski at St. Stephen's Lutheran Academy in Zelienople, Pennsylvania. In my capacity as the Principal, I've personally witnessed his cooperative spirit, professional attitude, and caring disposition. Unfortunately, as an agency, we have closed our residential program which was the funding source for his position. It was with a heavy heart that we had to dissolve his program. As the Title I Math teacher Brian has shown strong academic leadership within the Title I program and also among our special education teachers. He has been open to program and curricular suggestions and is always willing to consider new interventions that will increase student achievement and participation.

Brian has a wonderful rapport with people of all ages, especially children. His ability to connect with his students and his talent at teaching simple concepts, as well as more advanced skills, are both truly superior. He has excellent written and verbal communication skills, is extremely organized, reliable and computer literate. Brian can work independently and is able to follow through to ensure that the job gets done. He accomplishes these tasks with great initiative and with a positive attitude.

I recommend Brian to you without reservation; he has truly been a loss to our school. He would be a true asset to any organization lucky enough to have him. If you have any further questions with regard to his background or qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact me at 724-452-4453 x1193.

Sincerely,

Amy K. Richert, M.Ed.  
Principal  
St. Stephen's Lutheran Academy



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May 23, 2017

To whom it may concern:

Brian Lewandowski has provided Title 1 Math services to the students at St. Stephen's Lutheran Academy over the past two school years. Over the past two years, I have had an opportunity to observe him in the classroom environment, as well as his potential for growth in his profession.

Brian has an excellent rapport with the students that he serves. He collaborates with his colleagues on a daily basis to serve the variety of needs that our students have. The students that he works with have made great strides academically; which would not have occurred without his support. Brian also facilitates the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) assessments for the entire school, multiple times per year. He attends professional development trainings related to the NWEA, and is also very knowledgeable regarding the assessment when parents request additional information.

Brian also relates exceptionally well to his colleagues, as he is a dedicated worker and exhibits a pleasant personality. I find him cooperative when working together to solve problems and develop solutions for students that he serves. He frequently volunteers to help others when needed. Brian has also displayed the ability to go above and beyond for the students at St. Stephen's.

Brian is an asset to our team at St. Stephen's. I consider him a capable and dedicated teacher. It is difficult to find teachers with his teaching talent, ambition and drive, and I recommend him without reservation for the position he is seeking.

Sincerely yours,

Brandy Dietrich  
Assistant Principal  
Supervisor of Special Education



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September 28, 2016

Dear Fellow Educator,

I am pleased to recommend, without reservation, Brian Lewandowski as a teacher within your school district. Mr. Lewandowski has worked at St. Stephen's Lutheran Academy for the past year plus as the Title I math instructor. Brian has completed the coursework and has participated in the Induction program sponsored by PDE for Level II certification. I have worked with Brian as a fellow instructor and have supervised his progress as his mentor.

Brian is a capable young man full of energy for teaching and working with students. He approaches his duties in the classroom with an enthusiasm for mathematics that is contagious. Brian has a respectful attitude toward his colleagues but is not shy to offer suggestions and assistance to seasoned professionals in the school. Brian is quick to share new ideas and methods that he has found helpful with both the Administration and teaching staff to maintain and promote efficiency. Brian also asks for assistance or a second opinion when appropriate. Brian takes his job seriously and accepts constructive criticism well and takes corrective measures when necessary.

Mr. Lewandowski has a positive attitude and is always willing to help others. He often steps beyond his enumerated duties to help students and his colleagues. The students are quick to notice his genuine concern for them. His casual demeanor makes him very approachable and his adherence to rules provides a sense of order.

I see Brian Lewandowski as a positive addition to your staff based on his interactions with our teaching staff as well as our students. If you would like to speak to me further concerning Mr. Lewandowski, I can be reached at (724) 882-5015.

Respectfully,

Vernon C. Benson Jr  
Mathematics Core Teacher





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May 24, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Brian Lewandowski regarding a position within your school district. For the past two years I have had the privilege of working directly with Brian and can affirm that he has shown many outstanding professional qualities. During his time at St. Stephen's Lutheran Academy Brian has successfully provided instruction to a broad spectrum of abilities within our student population, and has found significantly improved performance with many of them. In addition to providing exceptional educational opportunities within the classroom setting, Brian has been fundamental in organizing various school wide events and activities which include a Fall Festival, a Tailgate Party, and serving on the schoolwide PBIS core team. I have witnessed tremendous leadership abilities in Brian which has made him a "go to" individual among the staff he works with.

St. Stephen's is an alternative school which services the educational needs of an at risk population of students. Brian is exceptionally consistent and fair within the constraints of the school and provides both academic and emotional support to the students we serve. His dedication to the teaching field is evident through the hard work and successes he has accomplished in his time at St. Stephen's.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Brian Lewandowski to you for any teaching position. His talent and professional qualities will be an asset to any educational environment.

Sincerely,

Tracy Swanson  
Special Education Teacher  
St. Stephen's Lutheran Academy



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May 24, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this endorsement on behalf of Brian Lewandowski for employment with your organization.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Brian professionally for the past two years. We have worked together at St. Stephen's Lutheran Academy in the Title I Program since the fall of 2015. St. Stephen's is part of Glade Run Lutheran Services, and is an alternative, academic school that provides educational services for students who need behavioral and emotional supports.

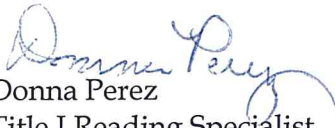
In the Title I Program, Brian has been an instrumental team member in coordinating the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) testing sessions for the students at St. Stephen's. This assessment is administered at the beginning, middle and end of the school year, providing teachers with information about their students' abilities as well as their on-going growth and development. Brian has set up the class roster files for each testing window (fall, winter and spring) and works as a team member in setting-up the school computers, scheduling the classrooms for testing times, testing the students of St. Stephen's, and providing on-going individual training and support for the classroom teachers in relation to this tool.

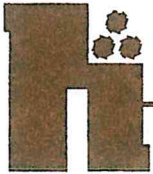
Brian provides individual instruction to the students who qualify for the Title I Math program. He establishes a positive learning environment and rapport with the students. He works with the students in establishing goals in the area of need and provides positive feedback to the students in relation to their growth.

In addition, Brian has been involved in various extra-curricular activities to support our school such as working with a team in setting up and running the Scholastic Book Fair. Additionally, Brian is involved in the "School-Wide" work group at St. Stephen's where he has participated in biweekly meetings and contributed in organizing various activities such as the Fall Festival.

In summary, Brian is a talented professional who always strives to do his best. He would be a valuable asset to your organization.

Sincerely,

  
Donna Perez  
Title I Reading Specialist  
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# HIGHLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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May 26, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow this to serve as a letter of recommendation for Brian Lewandowski. Mr. Lewandowski has served as substitute teacher under my supervision at Highlands Middle School in the Highlands School District for the past two years. I have had the opportunity to witness his teaching and people skills in different roles throughout the building.

Mr. Lewandowski placements for the current school year have been varied and included teaching in a mathematics classroom with a very diverse group of learners. He has proven to be a very dedicated and motivated teacher. He is professional at all times and is willing to take on any tasks asked of him. He was also trained and helped with the building administration of the PSSA. During this time he undertook full responsibility of a test proctor and provided a safe, quiet environment for students to take the state assessments. He is a kind, caring and dedicated individual who freely asks questions and is willing to pitch in wherever he is needed.

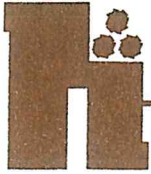
Mr. Lewandowski has proven to be a strong presence in the Highlands School District and would be a great asset to any learning community. Please feel free to contact me if I may be of further help.

Sincerely,

Charlie Mort

Principal





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May 26, 2015

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter as my recommendation for hiring Mr. Brian Lewandowski for a professional teaching position at your district. During the past two school years, I have been privileged to witness his professionalism, compassion, and work ethic first hand. Because of this, I implore you to consider him for any position that he is qualified to fill.

Mr. Lewandowski has demonstrated his professionalism on countless occasions throughout the 2014-2015 school year. He has become my most trusted substitute because of his ability to reach students at their need. I have a very challenging group of students this year and classroom management is a necessity to be successful. Mr. Lewandowski has demonstrated the ability to effectively manage the classroom on countless occasions.

When Mr. Lewandowski is given an assignment for the day, he continues to display his professionalism while showing compassion and building relationships with his students. I was highly impressed when I watched Mr. Lewandowski develop "mentoring relationships" with several at risk students. He is the first choice by most of my students anytime I have to be out of my classroom. His compassion is well known to every student he interacts with!

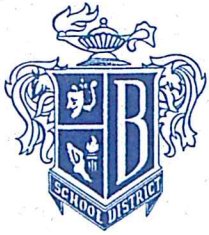
As I write this, I can't help but admire Mr. Lewandowski's ability to take over a classroom in the middle of a school year and not miss a beat. However, it should not surprise me as I witnessed his work ethic on a daily basis. Mr. Lewandowski has created and implemented many units without the help of an "experienced teacher". When he has questions, he takes it upon himself to find colleagues that he could share questions and ideas with. His hard work leads to seamless transitions when a colleague has to be out.

Through Mr. Lewandowski's professionalism, compassion, and work ethic, he continues to exceed the already high level of expectations that are expected. Being able to witness this, I feel that Mr. Lewandowski would be an exceptional addition to any district fortunate enough to be able to hire him. I fully give my recommendation and ask you to consider hiring Mr. Brian Lewandowski for a teaching position in your district.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Newell  
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# Charles A. Huston Middle School

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JOSEPH PHAM  
*Guidance Counselor*

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June 2, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

As Mr. Brian Lewandowski's cooperating teacher for his second student-teaching placement, I am happy to write a letter of recommendation for him. Brian is extremely personable, always greeting teachers, administrators and students with a smile and nice comment. He created a positive learning environment in the classroom; he showed genuine concern for the welfare of every learner. Mr. Lewandowski continually displayed a desire to become a better teacher. His work ethic will help him to become the best educator he can be.

I had the pleasure of working with Brian for seven and a half weeks, during which he instructed two Pre-Algebra B classes, three Algebra I classes and Math Lab. He successfully taught a few of the highest classes he could with a middle-level certification. In Algebra I, he designed a review packet to help prepare students for the Keystone Exam. This review covered all concepts from the Algebra I curriculum and he facilitated students' understanding of the concepts; I have used this resource every year since its creation. Mr. Lewandowski prepared a unit on probability and odds for the Pre-Algebra B classes. The unit had numerous activities that showed students how what they were learning could be applied to life in fun, interesting ways. Brian displayed good classroom management skills. His lesson plans were well thought and addressed all necessary components for the content. One of the keys to teaching is thinking on your feet and Mr. Lewandowski has a firm grasp of that; he was able to go with the flow of each class and tweak instruction and activities accordingly.

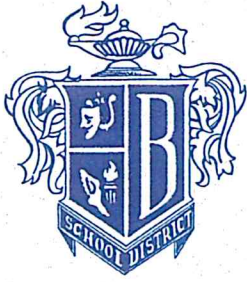
Since Brian completed his student-teaching, he has been in my classroom several times as a substitute. I personally request him because I know I can count on him to do exactly what I leave; I can return knowing my students were in great hands. I trust him to judge students' understanding and adjust instruction accordingly. On numerous occasions, Mr. Lewandowski has gone out of his way to help me when I have been out unexpectedly or for extended periods of time. He is always willing to go the extra mile to ensure continuity of student learning.

Mr. Lewandowski could have an immediate impact on student learning in any school district. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Kourtney A. Foriska*

Kourtney A. Foriska  
Secondary Mathematics Teacher  
Mathematics Department Liaison  
Huston Middle School  
Burrell School District



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May 29, 2015

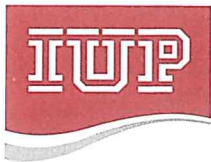
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Brian Lewandowski. I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Lewandowski both while he was a student teacher and as a substitute in our district. I have observed Mr. Lewandowski creating, implementing, and assessing various areas within the fourth grade curriculum. As a student teacher, he demonstrated confidence and knowledge of various subject areas. As a substitute, Mr. Lewandowski shows professionalism and dedication to tasks that he completes for each district teacher. I feel that any school would be lucky to have Mr. Lewandowski. His dedication and expertise would be a welcome addition to any school district.

Thank you,

*Mrs Jennifer L Baxter-Blubaugh*  
Mrs. Jennifer L. Baxter-Blubaugh





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July 7, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this as a letter of support for Mr. Lewandowski who is applying for a position with your school district. Brian was a middle level education major here at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and graduated in May 2013. Brian is certified to teach in upper elementary grades 4-6 and in a mathematics classroom in grades 6-8.

As the Coordinator for Middle Level Education, his academic advisor, and one of his professors, I feel qualified to describe his abilities and strengths. In the college classroom, Brian completed all assignments in a spirit of cooperation and performed to the highest standard. He initiated and led discussions on pertinent topics related to bridging the gap between theory and practice for teaching middle level students. During his undergraduate career, he was recognized for his academic performance by the Dean of the College of Education.

Throughout the four-year period that I have known Brian, he has proven to be dedicated to becoming an effective teacher in grades 4-8. He enjoyed his field experiences and provided student-centered lessons for his learners. Brian proved to be extremely creative in enhancing his lessons with technology-based mathematics applications and other hands-on activities. His sense of humor enhances his ability to connect with the characteristics of middle level learners. Brian was an exemplary student teacher.

Since his graduation, he has maintained two teaching positions: one as a short and long-term substitute teacher for Highlands and Burrell School Districts and as an online teacher for Think Through Learning. With his expertise in mathematics, he supported learners in grades 3-12 throughout the nation.

Mr. Lewandowski's experiences during the past year enable him to adapt to a variety of teaching-learning situations. He develops an excellent rapport with his students through his friendly personality and demeanor. They respect his content background and teaching skills in mathematics.

Please feel free to contact me so that I may further elaborate on his excellent teaching qualities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Fello, Ed. D.

Professor

Professional Studies in Education, IUP

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June 30, 2014

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to recommend Brian Lewandowski for a teaching position in your school district. I have known Brian for two years as a student in mathematics content and mathematics methods courses and as his student teaching university supervisor.

As a student in both the content and methods courses, Brian was dedicated and worked diligently to understand and apply the concepts taught in the courses. Earning A's in both courses, Brian consistently participated in class and was always willing to assist other students who were struggling with the concepts.

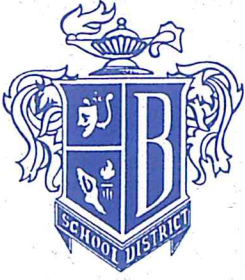
I also served as Brian's university supervisor for the middle level mathematics portion of his student teaching experience. Brian's knowledge of middle level mathematics is evident in both his planning of lessons and his teaching. He has excellent rapport with his students while at the same time demanding a high level thinking and reasoning from them. Brian also readily welcomes feedback and uses the feedback to improve his teaching.

I truly believe Brian Lewandowski has the potential to become an outstanding and dedicated teacher. He would be an asset to your school district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Louise Metz".

Dr. Mary Louise Metz, Associate Professor of Mathematics



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Wednesday, May 15, 2013

To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Brian Lewandowski. He completed his student teaching experience in my fourth grade classroom from January 29, 2013 through March 22, 2013. During his seven week assignment, Mr. Lewandowski successfully instructed the students and made a positive impact on their educational experiences.

Mr. Lewandowski has many wonderful qualities of an effective educator. His willingness to do "whatever it takes" to help a student is very evident. He went above and beyond to provide instruction that was appropriate and engaging for all students. He researched and prepared a well- developed science unit on animals which the students thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. Lewandowski effectively implemented different technology into classroom instruction. Students were actively involved in their learning through appropriate videos, games, and other innovative technology using the Promethean Board and ipads. Mr. Lewandowski continually seeks out and uses available resources to provide quality instruction.

During the course of the seven weeks, he took advantage of every opportunity to grow, learn, and change to better his instruction, delivery, and evaluation tools for the students. He is very reflective in his practice and is always receptive of professional growth opportunities.

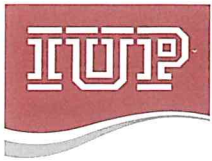
I strongly believe that Mr. Lewandowski will be a wonderful asset to any teaching staff.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Paula Faybik

Fourth Grade Teacher

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To Whom It May Concern:

May 21, 2013

This letter is being written as a formal recommendation for employment for Mr. Brian Lewandowski. Brian was a student of mine during his student teaching experience with Indiana University of PA, during the spring of 2013. As an IUP professor, I supervised him at Stewart Elementary School, in the Lower Burrell School District. I would have to say that during his student teaching, Brian performed in an outstanding fashion. His lessons were extremely well organized, instructionally stimulating for the students, and on target with what was expected from a school curricular standpoint. Mr. Lewandowski maintained an excellent rapport with students and staff, and represented IUP as an outstanding student teacher. In fact, I had several extremely positive notes of feedback from his cooperating teacher and building principal.

In addition to the above, and in reviewing his resume, please note that Brian has extensive work in management with other industries, including CVS, Hertz, and Sapphire Audio/Tivoli Audio. Furthermore, he possesses a broad set of computer skills, and memberships in various professional organizations. Please consider Mr. Brian Lewandowski for any full time position that may exist in your school system. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph F. Marcoline". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Joseph F. Marcoline  
Associate Professor,  
Indiana University of PA