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To Whom It May Concern:

Keith Parsons is a former student teacher I supervised in Fall 2007 who was well liked by peers, faculty and students. His past experiences with students have been varied from mentoring in the Big Brother Program, to tutoring in algebra, to science teaching. He has degrees in Computer Information Systems and now a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction in Science. He has been a motivational speaker since 1992 about substance abuse prevention and making wise choices in life. His student teaching in earth/space science helped prepare him to present more effectively, differentiate between groups, learn state standards for teaching, and use technology to enhance instruction.

Keith Parsons was professional, reliable, and highly successful throughout his student teaching. This experience will help in his goal to be a motivational speaker to youth about making wise choices in life and the consequences of poor choices. He knows from his own experiences first-hand and speaks of this experience from his heart. Keith has presented special programs with the school health teachers throughout Bellefonte Middle School about his own life and disability, alcohol, drugs, peer pressure and making good choices. This program has made a very positive and profound effect on the teachers, administrators and staff and well as many students throughout the school. I have observed these presentations and seen his video and slide show presentation about eight times. I have asked students after the presentations about the program and the main theme of answers is the way Keith presented it and the impact he made was more than any other teacher, parent or book could have given them. He also presented it to my college students because alcohol and drug related issues are relevant to them too. Again, the information and statistics from him might make a difference in their choices.

I feel that he would make an excellent speaker from elementary students through college students. I highly recommend him in this capacity and know he is committed to making a difference. His enthusiasm for teaching youth as a motivational speaker getting across his important message about choices, peer pressure, and drugs is apparent. All students working with him will be blessed with a special person.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Voigt, Student Teaching Supervisor