



CASCADE K-8
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

May 31, 2020

Dear Hiring Administrator,

I am pleased to recommend Jesse Holsworth for any Counseling position that you might have in your school. Jesse joined Cascade K-8 Community School in February 2020 in a leave replacement position for the remainder of the school year.

Jesse had just over one month here with students, families, and staff before school was shut down due to COVID-19. During this time, in person with kids, Jesse jumped in and continued the routines that were in place to create the strong community that our school has worked hard to establish. He led Gratitude Circles in classrooms, held lunch bunch groups, and met with individual students and parents that needed guidance or support. He quickly made relationships! And thank goodness that he did.

School closed on March 12th, and we entered into uncharted territory of non-school, then remote learning. As was true with all schools during this time, this resulted in increased social emotional needs of students. Jesse held virtual meetings with students and families as requested and provided drop-in opportunities during Zoom Office Hours.

Even without truly knowing all the students, Jesse contributed to the middle and high school registrations for our students that are moving on to other schools. Having interned and subbed in a high school, Jesse has the technical knowledge for this task.

Jesse is a strong collaborator. When faced with problems of practice, he utilizes his school-based student support team – Principal and Dean of Students, as well as participating in two district professional learning communities (for elementary and secondary counselors). He shares all helpful information as it comes his way. Teachers and other staff do not hesitate to ask Jesse for resources to support their students. He is an active member of our staff, volunteering for tasks and jobs wherever needed. Jesse was a willing member and contributor of our Race and Equity and PBIS Teams, participating in live and virtual meetings!

Jesse is an amazing counselor, just looking for the right place to land. I highly recommend Jesse Holsworth for a counseling position in your building! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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