



Jefferson Middle School

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Admissions Committee
The Evergreen State College
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Dear Admissions Committee,

I am pleased to recommend Gavin Wheeler for admission to The Evergreen State College, Master in Teaching Program. As an administrator who has had the privilege of observing Gavin's development over the past two years, I can confidently speak to his strong work ethic, dedication to learning, and ability to connect with a diverse range of students.

In his role as a paraeducator in both special education resource classrooms and general education settings, Gavin has excelled in breaking down complex skills to meet the varied needs of learners. His ability to tailor instruction to accommodate different learning styles is a testament to his understanding of educational diversity. Gavin's commitment to helping others is exemplary; he is always willing to lend a hand, whether it involves providing academic support or fostering a positive classroom atmosphere.

Furthermore, Gavin has actively participated in professional development opportunities focused on culturally responsive education, de-escalation strategies, and restorative practices. This training has equipped him with the skills necessary to help students resolve conflicts effectively and promotes a sense of community within the classroom and larger school community. His proactive approach and willingness to learn new strategies exemplify his dedication to not only his own growth but also the growth of those around him.

Gavin will make an excellent addition to your school and the teaching profession. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Lindsay Welsh,
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