



MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of Graham MacBean, a student teacher at Mountain View School from October 2015-December 2015. I had the opportunity to observe Mr. MacBean teaching in classroom and interacting in extracurricular activities on a number of occasions during this time and look forward to having him enter the teaching profession as a colleague at the conclusion of his studies at the university of Letbridge.

Mr. MacBean remained focused on the students and individual student success throughout his teaching practicum. He sought opportunity to interact with students casually during breaks and lunch time, seeking common connections and developing positive relationships. Mr. MacBean's efforts to develop individual, positive relationships demonstrates both an understanding of the importance of affect in education as well as a commitment to creating a culture of belonging in schools; both are essential elements of student engagement.

Mr. MacBean also shared a passion for learning with students. He shared his musical and dramatic talents with our students through classes and our Christmas program. In both instances, his passion was contagious for students and led to greater engagement.

Mr. MacBean demonstrated a willingness to contribute to the positive climate of our whole school. By choreographing and teaching a number of the scenes in the Christmas Program, Mr. MacBean encouraged participation for all students, even the most reluctant. Students built confidence as they polished and performed their parts in the play under the leadership of Mr. MacBean.

With the determination and passion exhibited at Mountain View School, Mr. MacBean will continue to develop his skills as a teacher as he benefits from more experience planning, teaching and assessing student learning. His desire to engage with each individual student will serve him well as he plans for success for all. I look forward to the opportunity to work with Mr. MacBean in the future.

Sincerely,

Stacy Jacobs
Principal

