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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Mr. Tom Starr. I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Starr for the past six years. Mr. Starr currently runs an after school karate program at the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Elementary School where I am the building administrator. Mr. Starr has been offering this program to our community for the past 14 years. The program has been well received and successful throughout this time.

Mr. Starr has experience working with children from pre-school age to seniors in high school. He also has worked and helped children with different types of disabilities, such as, students with Autism spectrum Disorders (ADHD) as well as individuals with physical impairments and other challenges.

Mr. Starr focuses his teachings with safety in mind for class and student. Students are taught to never misuse what he teaches about the art of karate. His students are taught to respect others, work toward personal goals, achieve academic excellence, and love their parents and families. Students are provided a goal sheet each year. He has the students set short and long term goals for home, school and their karate training.

It is without hesitation that I write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Tom Starr. He is a pleasure to work with and always supports the rules, regulations, and philosophy of my building and our district. If you would like to discuss Mr. Starr's qualifications further please contact me at (518) 872-2030.

Sincerely,

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Berne-Knox-Westerlo CSD
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District Mission Statement:

Let the entire Berne-Knox-Westerlo Community strive to do all that it can to help our students be all they can be.