

August 14, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Kevin Collins candidacy for an overseas teaching position. Besides being an awesome teacher, Kevin is a published author of two very creative and fun children's books that he wrote to inspire children to be better readers and writers. This is how I came to know Kevin. He asked me to write the foreword for his second book *VROOM! VROOM Motorcycle Santa's Coming to Town*. Through that experience, I had a chance to learn more about Kevin as a teacher.

I believe Kevin to be the type of teacher that leads with passion, purpose, vision, and integrity. He is committed to his students and their learning. Kevin knows that students learn best when they are comfortable and feel safe in their surroundings. Through his calm, caring, and often humorous way of interacting with his students, Kevin is able to keep his students highly motivated and engaged. He uses his creativity as a writer to design original units using the core curriculum that is pertinent and interesting to his students.

Kevin's hard work and dedication in the classroom have not gone unnoticed. He was nominated for Michigan Teacher of the Year in 2012, was selected for inclusion into *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* (2004 edition), and was a finalist for Genesee County Teacher of the Year by CARS 108 radio station in May of 2000.

Kevin's leadership and commitment to the team extends beyond his classroom. He is a consummate team player that enjoys sharing in the work and exchanging of ideas with his colleagues in order to develop rigorous and engaging units of study and relevant field trips. Kevin also currently holds an important position in his teacher union where he represents his faculty at his school in contractual issues. I would describe Kevin as having a positive, energetic, can-do personality that is infectious and friendly.

I hope you will give serious consideration in hiring Kevin Collins for a teaching position in your school.

I wish you luck in your selection process!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Cecil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William R. Cecil
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