

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Brad Leposa's application for a position as a school psychologist in your district. I strongly recommend that you consider Brad for this position as he is highly qualified to provide school psychology services in a variety of settings.

As a doctoral student in school psychology at Penn State—where I previously served as a member of the faculty—Brad actively pursued experiences in class and applied settings that helped him refine a set of skills that set him apart from others in the field. His work in the campus clinic allowed him to problem-solve on cases that involved students with low-incidence disabilities and high-incidence disabilities. He also demonstrated mastery with many different standardized and curriculum-based assessment materials. Further, Brad's clinic work helped him get experience delivering assessment results to many different stakeholders, including parents, students, and teachers. His oral and written descriptions of school-related problems were service-oriented, which can be a huge asset in schools.

Since leaving Penn State, Brad has continued to refine his skills as a school psychologist during his internship, and subsequent employment in the Baltimore City Public Schools. He has found opportunities to engage in a variety of activities and reviews from his supervisors have been favorable. Brad cares deeply about his profession and the students he serves. On multiple occasions, he has described his work experience to be both fulfilling and informative. The skills Brad developed during his training program and while on the job make him an excellent candidate for this position.

In addition to his applied experiences, I believe it is also important for me to highlight Brad's skills with research and data analysis. Those skills put him in a positon to help schools evaluate various assessment tools and internal programs. Should an opportunity to engage in such activities arise, Brad will undoubtedly contribute valuable expertise. Finally, while Brad's experiences and coursework are impressive, it is equally important to draw attention to his ability to meet deadlines and follow through with work. Brad is highly dependable and will always put in the work that is necessary to meet the needs of students. Brad is passionate about the field of school psychology and that passion is most evident in the extensive effort he puts into his work.

I believe Brad would make an excellent addition to any school. If you have questions for me, please feel free to contact me by phone or email (below).

Sincerely.

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