



Carbon Valley Secondary Academy

Developing the knowledge and ethical skills for students
to succeed in higher education, business and their lives.

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To whom it may concern,

Mr. Owen Cegielski is one of the strongest teachers I have ever met. I hired Mr. Cegielski and am his direct supervisor. In the year and a half we have worked together I have observed his strong work ethic, attention to detail with his lessons, and his dedication to raising the standards of education both in and out of the classroom. I have never seen a more passionate teacher before.

I hired Mr. Cegielski the middle of the 2008-2009 school year. He immediately came in and established his own classroom with his style of interactive education. Mr. Cegielski is constantly researching and developing new and innovative lessons. He believes students can and will be successful when presented with high level lessons that include hands on activities, reading from original sources and not restricted by the textbook curriculum that is often found in many classrooms. He takes the extra time to develop electronic presentations that are supported with reading and writing activities that task each student. Mr. Cegielski engages all students in student debates, simulations, unique technology based exercises and Socratic seminars to immerse students in historical issues and events.

Mr. Cegielski is actively involved in our Accountability Committee. In order to be more effective in this committee, Mr. Cegielski experiments with ideas in his classroom in order to test concepts that can be rolled out school wide. His creative approaches to supporting students writing skills in non-language arts classes are benefiting all our students.

Mr. Cegielski's passion for teaching and his excitement for history is demonstrated every day in his classroom. I know his students come away from his class better educated in history but also in the skills they need to compete in a global economy. He has made a great impression on me and I hate to lose him, but know that he deserves to have the best opportunity to utilize his abundant skills.

If you have any questions or would like any further information please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Paul W Trautwein
Principal-Carbon Valley Secondary Academy

The mission of Carbon Valley Academy is to provide rich content and solid skills instruction in an environment that champions character and personal academic achievement.