



Ocean View School District

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SPRING VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of reference and recommendation for Dr. Jerry Weichman. I have known Dr. Weichman for the past two school years as he has served as a clinical psychologist/counselor intern at Spring View Middle School.

Jerry serves the students at Spring View by providing counseling services, both individually and in groups. He relates extremely well to the students and they respond well to his style. One of Jerry's strengths in dealing with young people is the fact that he does not focus on students' problems; he focuses on solutions to their challenges. If a child has a challenging home environment, he helps them develop strategies to cope with those challenges. If they are having difficulty with work completion, he helps them to identify what they can do to organize their time to be more successful. Whether in group or one on one sessions, Jerry covers such topics as time management, stress management, bereavement, divorce, social skills, etc. His expertise in these areas and his ability to relate to middle grade students have proven to be invaluable in helping our students and the overall school program.

Additionally, Jerry has developed what we call our "break group." At Spring View (and probably every other middle school campus) there are a number of students who tend to isolate themselves socially from the other students. These may be students with varying degrees of autism or just students who don't have many friends. Jerry has sought them out and invited them to his conference room during nutrition break to play board games, cards, etc. This is a safe place for them and they have begun to develop appropriate socialization skills as well as positive relationships with others in the break group.

Recently, Jerry has been visiting numerous schools presenting assemblies that promote determination and making good choices. His personal story of overcoming adversity and challenges is compelling and one which most students can appreciate.

If you have any questions regarding the outstanding work of Dr. Jerry Weichman, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cameron Malotte
Principal