To Whom It May Concern:

I met Tyler Hatch this past July when he enrolled in my honors chemistry course. Tyler is an ideal student. He arrives for class prepared with his homework complete and is always ready to learn. Tyler has excellent time management, stamina, and grit which lends itself to success. If Tyler needs some extra support in chemistry, he will make sure to come in and get the help he needs. He is an excellent advocate for himself. He is organized, efficient, extremely competent, and has an excellent rapport with his fellow classmates. His communication skills, both written and verbal, are excellent as well. He shows leadership in my class by acting as a role model for other students when he actively participates in discussions and takes interest in his learning. Not only does Tyler show leadership in my classroom, but he shows leadership on the Casteel campus by belonging to a school organization called Safe School Ambassador. There are only a few students on campus asked to be a part of this particular organization. Safe school ambassadors have the task of making the campus a more welcoming and warmer place for all. He also belongs to Stand Up, Speak Up which is an antibullying club here on campus. Tyler's commitment to his community speaks volumes to the character that he possesses.

Not only does Tyler excel in the classroom, but he is very active in sports as well. He is dedicated to the sport of baseball. Tyler has spent countless hours improving his game. Tyler's favorite memory in high school baseball so far was helping his team make the semi-finals. Tyler is an exceptional young man who has been able to maintain his excellent grade point average while balancing his sport. His dedication and passion are truly inspiring to not only peers, but to his teachers as well. I feel fortunate to have been able to teach Tyler this year and watch him flourish and grow.

Tyler describes himself as determined, driven, hardworking, trustworthy, and dedicated, which could not be further from the truth. I would add respectful to that list of adjectives as well. He stands out as a true leader amongst his peers both in and out of the classroom. In summary, I highly recommend Tyler Hatch for admission into your program. He will be a positive and valuable asset to you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>kaplan.kendra@cusd80.com</u> or 480-773-0245.

Sincerely,

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