



# KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

For the past twenty-four years, the entire lifetime of our school Kellenberg Memorial, we have known Mr. Thomas Dufek to be a wise, sharp, and competent businessman, as well as a caring, loyal, and trusted friend. In our early years of Kellenberg Memorial's existence as a school, he assisted with the annual audit. His advice and accuracy helped us to set good fiscal policies that ensured financial solvency for a school building that closed twice before for financial reasons. He was of great assistance to us in our financial planning in those early stages of the school's history.

His interest and concern for the welfare of Kellenberg Memorial High School goes beyond the usual business relationship with a client. When he moved on to other work, he maintained a relationship with our school. He was most helpful when we needed more personalized service from the bank. He encouraged us to bring our business elsewhere guiding us to a bank that satisfied our needs. Several years later, he assisted us in a similar transfer of banking operations.

Tom has taken a real interest in our students. He was very instrumental in creating our Senior Transitions Program which prepares our students at the end of their high school career to deal with financial, social, and legal issues as they assume more responsibility for their own lives. He has provided financial and business professional advice to the senior class in order to assist them future decisions for their college years and beyond. His ability to explain in layman terms the complexity of finances to the seniors is most helpful to them. The students are particularly attentive to his presentation because of his ability to intertwine real life circumstances and issues. He was also very attuned to the fact that we are a co-ed school by including a woman who has great business acumen and highly successful in her own career.

Mr. Dufek's intelligence, competence, and keen interest in our welfare as a school have provided for us significant confidence in our work. He has been a great advisor for our school. He inspires confidence in all those he assists whether it be clients, friends, or students who need sound advice.

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