



# GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

Peter Griffin comes with my highest recommendation. During the years he has worked as a career and technology education teacher at George Washington High School, Pete has demonstrated numerous outstanding professional qualities.

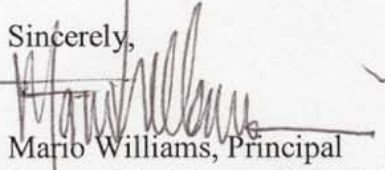
Pete's leadership skills are unique. He successfully leads his department co-workers as well as leading within larger school-wide efforts. An example is his participation on our Collaborative School Committee (CSC). Pete enthusiastically shares his desire for professional excellence by encouraging parents, teachers and administrators to consider different paradigms, research, and points of view. Pete also has a balanced understanding of many aspects of school-wide functioning from budgets to personnel and hiring to school-wide improvement efforts. He has devoted considerable energy to designing on-line course evaluations, participating in the interview and hiring process of numerous employees, and has administered both departmental and larger scale technology budgets.

During my tenure as principal at GW, Pete has come to me several times with inspired, cross-disciplinary course designs. His designs and actual instructional delivery indicate his strong understanding of the district's mission for career and technology education from its broadest goals to everyday skills. These innovative technology classes have linked closely with other department's course assignments, making good use of student learning time as well as helping them build connections across their learning.

Pete's ability to connect with students is truly exceptional. Students come to GW with a wide array of academic, social, and developmental support needs. He genuinely encourages and inspires students who have patterns of marginal participation in school to work towards personal excellence. He urges strong students to stretch themselves creatively and academically. Pete's expectation of high ethical standards, combined with a youthful enthusiasm, is contagious among his students; encouraging them to excel personally and in competitive arenas.

I strongly recommend Peter Griffin for an administrative position because it would be a natural extension of Pete's superior professional and instructional skills. Please contact me at 720-423-8600 with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Mario Williams, Principal  
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