

## Bryan Station High School

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Dear Sir or Madam,

It is with great respect that I write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Matthew Watkins. I have had the opportunity to observe and evaluate Mr. Watkins' Social Studies classes through KTIP and the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System and have been very impressed by his commitment to the education of his students as well as his own interest in learning and growing in his craft. Due to the opening of a new high school in Lexington, and the resulting loss of students at Bryan Station High School, Mr. Watkins' position was reduced. It has been my observation that he is a true professional, and while I would love to continue to have him serve our students, I feel confident in recommending him for any teaching position for which he is qualified.

Mr. Watkins' approach to his duties is based on his wide range of experience not only as a teacher in Kentucky, but also in the field of Business where he has 15 years of Business Management experience. In this role he trained employees, helped write policies and procedural manuals, was over Human Resources, managed up to 20 employees, worked to develop or enhance products, and acted as a liaison and mediator between upper management, employees, vendors, and customers.

Mr. Watkins' knowledge base allows him to be particularly valuable to an academy model school. As a Social Studies teacher with past Business Management experience he can pull real life scenarios into his lessons, making learning not only more interesting, but also truly applicable to life.

Mr. Watkins has the ability to relate effectively to staff, parents and administrators. He relates extremely well with students and is very knowledgeable in his content. He has the ability to sense the needs and feelings of others and help them feel comfortable so they can be a contributing part of the classroom. He is very positive and wants the best for his students.

Matthew Watkins would be a great addition to any school's faculty, and I would consider any program lucky to have him on staff.

Sincerely,



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*Bryan Station High School faculty and staff will be RELENTLESS in ensuring all students graduate high school career and college ready.*

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Associate Principal: Carl Hayden  
Interim Associate Principals: Ryan King and Nicole Silimperi  
Administrative Dean: Fred Snodgrass