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## **Springport Student Council**

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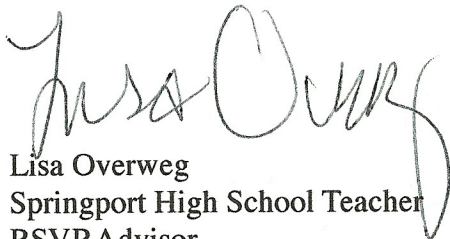
I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Bill Vliek. I have had the pleasure of knowing Bill for the past seven years as a colleague and friend at Springport High School.

Bill is an amazing band director. He has changed the atmosphere at Springport High School with his leadership and musical talents. Bill single handedly took a program that was almost non-existent and not respected, and changed it to one of the best programs in our school and in the area. Being a band member is now "cool" and the kids are highly respected by their peers and in the community. All of this is a result of the hard work and dedication that Bill put into our band. He had a vision and did not settle for less and made our band one of the best around.

As far as education goes, a teacher either has what it takes, or not. They can either motivate kids, or not. Bill has a presence in the classroom that is just natural. He motivates kids to succeed and be their best and kids want to perform for him. They don't want to let him down because they know how much he cares and how much he has invested into their success. He connects with kids and kids respect him and thrive under his direction in the band or classroom.

Bill's leadership abilities are superior, his technology skills amazing, and his teaching is second to none. He is a vital part of our teaching staff and you would be very lucky to have him as part of your staff.

Sincerely,



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