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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter of personal recommendation for Thomas Starr. As Superintendent of Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District I have a professional responsibility to assure the quality of our after school offerings. Thomas has provided Karate instruction at Berne-Knox-Westerlo for approximately fourteen years. I know that he has had many satisfied students and parents during his tenure here. I have had many parents express their satisfaction with the way in which he works with his students. He uses his Karate instruction to teach the various aspects of Martial Arts as well as stressing the importance of showing respect to others, working towards personal goals, and achieving academic excellence.

I am aware that Thomas is looking to expand his program to other schools and other settings. I would highly recommend his program for any school considering an expansion of the afterschool offerings for their students.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any other questions at 518-872-1293.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Dorward
Superintendent of Schools

District Mission Statement:

Let the entire Berne-Knox-Westerlo Community strive to do all that it can to help our students be all they can be.