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To whom it may concern:

I would highly recommend Mr. Michael Fenton's professional development services to any school. Our district was hosting a math workshop for all fifty of our middle school teachers, and we wanted a presenter who was extremely knowledgeable on common core standards, could provide hands on activities, website support, guidance and inspiration. Michael met our expectations and exceeded them! From our first conversation to our last, Michael was personable, honest, intelligent and genuine. It is evident that he is a life-long learner who enjoys the classroom and enjoys working with teachers.

Organized and professional, Michael provided a workshop that catered to the needs of our teachers. His three hour presentation went seamlessly, and his humor and sincerity shined through. He dedicated much time and energy to create a successful and productive workshop. Being a classroom teacher, Michael leads by example and has a true understanding of what teachers and students need to find success. He challenges teachers to give their classroom a 2% upgrade and to create students that are curious, persistent and kind. His passion for creating a classroom where students can notice and wonder is infectious. After his presentation, teachers were invigorated, inspired and ready to implement some of his strategies. As a lead curriculum writer for my district, I plan to incorporate some of his lessons in our next modules. At the end of his presentation, Michael provided our team with a website listing all of the day's resources.

I would love Michael to present again for our district. His experience, insight and authenticity is motivating!

Sincerely,

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