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To whom it may concern,

**RE: Corey Pearce**

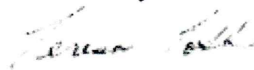
Mr. Corey Pearce has worked for a number of semesters as an E.A. at St. Mary C.S.S. since 2009. It was during this time that as a Vice Principal, I was able to observe his working with a number of special needs students in this capacity. As well, he organized a school drum line that he directed at the school during part of his time here.

Corey worked under the Special Education Department head SERT and was assigned various duties with different special needs students. He was involved in providing special needs students with personal care. This involved dressing or undressing students from their outerwear when they came or were leaving the school, changing of diapers, toileting student, transporting students within the school (assisting with ambulation, pushing wheelchair, pushing special needs bike), NVCI and behavioral intervention was used as needed. As well, he aided students with instruction by helping them with their desk work/reading, helping with hand over hand activities, and arts/crafts/tech work. His students very much enjoyed their interactions with him, and would seek his advice and help even when he was not assigned as their E.A.

In his work with the drum line, he was able to reach a number of the disenfranchised students who felt that they just did not belong or fit into common high school clubs and teams. As member of the drum line, they were able to participate in an extra curricular club that was highly regarded in the school, and in the community as a whole. The drum line under his direction performed at parades, school assemblies and in drum line competitions both in Canada and in the USA. Under his direction, the St. Mary Drumline were Ontario Champions for 5 years, and took 1<sup>st</sup> place in a number of USA tournaments. The students he worked with were given a gift of self worth and accomplishment through his work with him.

Corey Pearce is a caring E.A. and drum line director who took great pride in his team.

Yours truly,



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