



LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tradition + Pride + Excellence

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to write this recommendation on behalf of the “Be the One” mentor program which is supported by Partners for Schools in the Lynden School District.

Prior to my arrival in Lynden, Partners for Schools was formed to provide for the needs of students in the Lynden School District. The initial investment was in the form of supplies and materials that our schools and students needed. Soon, however, the discussion about how to provide for the wellbeing of kids transitioned Partners for Schools to take on a much larger and more impactful mission of recruiting, training, and providing mentors to students – and “Be the One” was born.

For the past 7 years this program has grown and has become an integral part of our community and schools, providing mentors for kids in both middle school and high school. The impact has been tremendous as seen in the sustainable relationships, positive feedback, and investments made in the lives of kids by people willing to spend one hour a week stepping into the lives of young people in our community.

The “Be the One” mentor program gets at what I feel is the essence of our mission in public schools; equipping young people to be successful in the world of work, in their community, and as they transition to post high school college and training. The work of mentors to equip kids, walk with them through difficult times, provide wisdom and advice, listen and establish lasting relationships helps create the conditions for young people to thrive in a complex world.

If you are a school district looking to strengthen character and provide another component to your school success formula, “Be the One” will provide a tremendous resource and community connection to your school and students. If you are a business looking to make an impact in the lives of young people in your community, supporting “Be the One” is a great mechanism to make a difference.

There is great research on the significance of mentoring and its impact. I know “Be the One” has made a significant difference in our students and in our community. I give “Be the One” my highest recommendation and urge you to find a way to make this part of your school and organization.

Sincerely,

Jim Frey
Superintendent
Lynden School District

1203 Bradley Road | Lynden, WA 98264 | lynden.wednet.edu | 360-354-4443 | Fax: 360-354-7662

Jim Frey
Superintendent

David VanderYacht
Assistant Superintendent

Tim Metz
Special Programs

Elizabeth Hamming
Teaching & Learning

Pattie Fairbanks
Finance & Operations