Tamella Keelan Garland High School 301 S Garland Avenue Garland, TX 75040 1/6/2020

I am writing on behalf of Garland High School teacher, Thaddeus Komorowski. Thaddeus has been the GHS Graphic Design teacher for 7 years. I work with him as the GHS CTE marketing teacher.

What I want to share most about Thaddeus Komorowski is his expansive knowledge in technology and its applications. He has afforded his immeasurable knowledge of Google/Google Classroom with me and taught me how to have impactful lessons. My first few years of teaching I called Thaddeus constantly for help with the technology; he always knew the answer and demonstrated how to use it. He guided me in many ways on how to plan and prepare in Google Classroom with integrating with the IPad. His extremely patient manner fostered my learning and subsided fears of asking for help. I asked many questions and was frustrated with technology; he has an uncanny ease of putting things in lament terms for me to understand. I am pleased to report that he has scaffold my learning over the years so that I now execute the most useful ways with all the technology options.

Thaddeus has proven to be well equipped to lead the Garland district in his execution of exceptional and continuous technology training. I know he will be a fantastic graphic design teacher for any career and technology department. His commitment to help others has made GHS teachers more knowledgeable and better educators. He has made me a better teacher. He continues to challenge me to use new technologies and teaching initiatives.

A few additional mentions, Thaddeus is highly self-motivated and capable of achieving any goal he sets his mind to. He trains and grows on his own initiative, acquiring several tech certifications. GISD has a valuable resource to share, at a broader district level. Beyond his exceptional technology knowledge, he is a kind and generous person. He volunteers so much of his time to our GHS DECA chapter. The students learn from his character and integrity as he helps conduct training and use of technology in DECA competitions. He has committed his time and efforts with these students for years. He has guided the students to embrace the technology to be used to their advantage in the classroom and in DECA

competition and leadership. He presents the training in an informative easy guide/usage for even the technically challenged to understand.

I emphatically recommend Thaddeus Komorowski to be a teacher in any school district. If I can provide additional information, please feel welcome to call my cell phone 214-435-9585.

Sincerely,

Tamella Keelan

Tamella Keelan
GHS Marketing & Business Teacher, Practicum Marketing &
DECA Advisor/Marketing Education

Aldo Guzman Garland High School 301 S Garland Avenue Garland, TX 75040 5/28/2019

To Whom it May Concern:

Thaddeus Komorowski has worked at Garland High School for seven years. Thaddeus began his employment as a graphic design teacher. Throughout the years, he has held positions such as Discovery leadership team member and i3 Innovation leader lead. Additionally, Thaddeus is the lead for digital PLC meetings.

Thaddeus is respectful, passionate and a great team player. He is highly knowable in graphic design and highly self-motivated to try new technologies and teaching strategies. Thaddeus' leadership positions are a reflection of his abilities to learn and adapt to the most up to date technologies and teaching initiatives. Thaddeus has an open door policy for both students and peers wanting to see what a new technology or teaching practice looks like in his classroom. He is a valuable asset to our high school and he will be able to contribute equally in yours.

It has been a pleasure teaching next to Thaddeus for the last seven years. The career and technology department will miss Thaddeus, and you will be glad he is a full time member of your team.

Sincerely,

Aldo Guzman
AVID/Business Education

# Brian Dean

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May 10, 2017

To Whom it May Concern:

It is with wholehearted pleasure that I recommend Thaddeus Komorowski for a teaching position in graphic design.

Thaddeus and I have worked together for the past three years at Garland ISD. I am a Digital Learning Facilitator at the district level and Thaddeus is one of our Innovation in Instruction Teachers. He goes above and beyond the call of duty to attend training and then provide professional development to fellow teachers at his campus and at the district level on digital learning best practices.

I have absolutely enjoyed every opportunity that I've had to work with Thaddeus and have come to know him as a truly valuable asset to any team. He is extremely hard working, collaborative, and someone I can count on. In addition to that, he is an impressive presenter who is always prepared and professional.

Along with his professional development duties, Thaddeus's deep knowledge of content and pedagogy is a huge asset to our digital learning program.

I wholeheartedly recommend Thaddeus Komorowski to join your instructional team. As a dedicated and knowledgeable teacher and an all around great person, he will be a true asset to our district.

Please feel free to contact me at <u>BDean@garlandisd.net</u> or 972-487-4494 should you like to discuss anything. I'd be happy to talk to you.

Sincerely,

Brian Dean

Digital Learning Facilitator

Department of Organizational Learning

Garland Independent School District

### GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 8, 2017 Craig Klement Ready 1:1 Instructional Coach Garland High School

#### To whom it may concern:

I am writing this reference letter on behalf of Thaddeus Komorowski. He is applying for a graphic design teaching position. He currently is a graphic design teacher at Garland High School. Thaddeus is also one of our 2 i3 (Innovation in Instruction) teachers on campus.

I have gotten to know Thaddeus this year not only by working at GHS together, but also district trainings that I have been a part of presenting and he attending. We had these alignment trainings once a month and I could always count on Thaddeus being there and contributing towards our plan at GHS. He is very knowledgable of his content and how to utilize technology in a way that it enhances the learning in his classroom. Even though he is in a computer lab and has specialized software, he also effectively integrated iPads into the instructional activities in his class.

It has been a pleasure working with Thaddeus this year and I know he would be a valuable asset to any career and technology department.

Sincerely yours,

Craig Klenet

Craig Klement

To whom it may concern,

I have had the honor of coordinating with Thaddeus Komorowski over the past year. Our efforts involved helping a student with severe emotional disturbance navigate his way from a highly restrictive segregated campus into the mainstream classrooms on a large high school campus.

Thaddeus was an unusual partner in this endeavor in that he made what many educators might view as "just one more thing" into a strong commitment for the success of the student and support of special education programming within the district.

Thaddeus is an amazing regular education teacher. His classes are well organized, relevant, and stimulating for his students. He shows the same respect to all students in his charge. He is efficient and dependable in getting paperwork and documentation completed and logged in a timely manner.

Thaddeus is the type of educator who "goes the extra mile" to make sure that he builds a relationship with his students before he attempts to fill their heads with too much knowledge.

Please accept this letter as my enthusiastic recommendation of Thaddeus Komorowski for any position that demands professionalism and people who know how to build and maintain relationships with their students. He is the type of teacher who adds a great deal to the climate and culture of any organization. He is a "keeper".

Sincerely,

Dale Kennedy

Transition Case Manager

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to highly recommend Thaddeus Komorowski. I have known Mr. Komorowski for two years. He and I have worked together and collaborated on ideas for our annual Career Day at Garland High School. Mr. Komorowski is well respected as a school educator and he does an excellent job working with each student and implementing accommodations for students with special needs. In addition, Mr. Komorowski is very dedicated to helping students with various cultures and backgrounds achieve success.

Mr. Komorowski has shown to be an exceptional leader and well respected among his peers. Therefore, I would recommend Mr. Komorowski for any educational position that matches his professional skills and abilities.

Sincerely,

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August 14, 2014

## To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to Thaddeus Komorowski. During his first year of teaching Thaddeus has shown to be an exceptional teacher with terrific classroom management skills. Throughout the year he worked diligently to improve himself in every area as a teacher.

Students in his class are very responsive to his style of teaching and leave his classroom with an excellent knowledge of graphic design. Student behavior is excellent, with a very structured classroom policy in place students know what is expected of them and what they are to do during class. One key to his student's behavior and success is Thaddeus's determination to provide interesting, relevant, and diverse projects for students to work on in his classroom. Thaddeus also incorporates a variety of technology and web applications that keep his students on task and interested in his assignments and in the world of graphic design.

Thaddeus Komorowski has developed into an exceptional teacher and will continue to grow in his craft as he works in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Stacy Singleton

Testing Coordinator Garland High School Kathy Bunnell Bassetti Elementary 3749 Highway 277 South Abilene, Texas 79606

#### To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kathy Bunnell and I am currently a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Bassetti Elementary in Abilene, Texas. I have 22 years of experience in elementary education with a specialization in reading instruction. I am the lead GT teacher at Bassetti Elementary and my 4<sup>th</sup> grade level team during the 2011/2012 school year was self-contained. Our school is Title 1 and we have many families that move around a lot. With that said, we also have children who are in need of a solid role model. I am writing a letter of recommendation for Ryan Komorowski for a teaching position in the Region 10/11 school district because he worked well with each child in my class and was a positive role model for them.

Ryan was my student teacher in the fall of 2011 in my 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. My class included one child identified as Gifted and Talented, as well as children who were high academically. In addition, I had children from broken homes. I gave Ryan the responsibility of teaching math, science and social studies. He assisted me in the Language Arts program.

Ryan brought his knowledge and background in science education which truly enriched the lessons for the children. I was very impressed with his skills, and he provided many hands-on labs with the class. Ryan has an architectural background which also was incorporated in some of his lessons. My children found his lessons and labs exciting, thus engaging the children to actively participate. I challenged him to work with my one GT child on a project, and together they produced a presentation explaining how a hover craft works. Ryan worked with the child throughout the 2 week project, asking questions, giving suggestions and probing the child to think deeper about his project. They then designed and planned out a model of a hover craft on a track. It was a project that I know the child will never forget. I appreciate Ryan's willingness to work to take on this unique project.

Ryan works well with older children and they respect him. I know he would make a difference in a classroom. I had some children from broken homes and Ryan took the initiative to help them. They knew he was interested in their learning and were drawn to his compassionate manner. He even occasionally ate with my classroom in the cafeteria.

I highly recommend Ryan Komorowski for a position in your school district. Without reservation, I believe Ryan Komorowski would be an excellent teacher in the upper grades. If you need further information, I would be happy to speak with you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Bunnell

Kathy Bunnell

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher

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