

Haywood County Schools

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Anne G. Garrett, Ed., D. Superintendent

To Whom It May Concern

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Re: Letter of Recommendation

Haywood County Schools was lucky enough to have Robert Kaplinsky conduct a workshop for all of our middle school and high school math teachers! It was awesome! Robert definitely met our expectations! His presentation and materials were exactly what our teachers needed! His style was interactive, engaging, and thorough. It was fast paced, on target, and thought provoking! Our math teachers learned valuable methods and received a plethora of resources to aid them in teaching math conceptually.

On evaluations completed following the workshop, teacher comments included:

- "Great workshop!"
- "Eye opening! Fantastic professional development!"
- "Best math workshop I've ever attend!"
- "Best professional development session ever!"
- "Please have him back! It was fantastic!"

Following the workshop, teachers received a multitude of material they could access and use immediately in their classrooms! His Depth of Knowledge resources were most helpful especially "Open Middle" materials, such as order of operations, rational exponents, and quadratics. Teachers really love Robert's lessons! Some of their favorites they are using include, "How Much Does the Aluminum Foil Prank Cost?" and "The Water Tower" problem.

We highly recommend Robert to any school system seeking to educate, inspire, change mindsets, and develop best practices for math teachers. His knowledge and skills made for an unbelievably inspiring day. I wish we could have him as a coach on a daily basis!

Sincerely,

Carol Douglas

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Director of Secondary Curriculum

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