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To Whom It May Concern,

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter in support of the application of Robert Spekis for your school. I have known Robert for nearly four years as a student participant in several music ensembles at Belle Vernon Area High School and have found him to be an outstanding student and young man!

I first met Robert as a ninth-grade student when he joined the Belle Vernon Area High School Marching Band. His memberships in the marching band and other activities within our school have been extremely valuable to the organizations in which he devotes his time. Robert is a very driven student, and as a member of the music ensembles, he has continued to demonstrate a high level of performance, learning to perfect his music both within the ensemble setting, and individual practice. His drive for achieving nothing but the highest accomplishments has come as a result from his personal drive and overall pursuit of excellence. Robert has been an active member of the Belle Vernon Area High School Music Department, having participated in the following ensembles: Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Choir, Marching Band, and was selected as one of two Drum Majors going into his Senior year, a position that required him to be a leader to 125 students on a weekly basis through rehearsals and performances, and a position in which he proved to be greatly successful. His leadership skills are nothing short of outstanding, and he has earned the respect of his peers and faculty together through his genuine work effort.

In addition to his musical activities, Robert is also highly involved with many other aspects of our school offerings, having participated as a member of several clubs, a member of the swim team where he medaled in local, regional, and state championships, and has served as his class President for four consecutive years. He has dedicated time to volunteer with our girls volleyball team at school, helping to run aspects of after school practices, and also participates in the local Swim Club to help younger students achieve success in competitive swimming. It is through dedication such as what Robert has given to the high school music department, school community, and our local community that gives me zero reservations in saying that he will be highly successful in his personal ambitions and career.

Perhaps Robert's greatest attribute, though, is the person he is. During his years in the high school, he has always been willing to share his time helping others, whether it be music or non-music related activities. He possesses a genuine care for others and is always willing to share his knowledge with those around him when needed. His character is proud yet humble, and his leadership is true. Robert has been an incredibly positive attribute to the student body of Belle Vernon Area High School and the Belle Vernon Area School District, and I am certain that he will be a strong ambassador for your school as well. I give him my highest recommendation!

If you wish to speak to me further regarding the qualifications of Robert Spekis, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone: (724) 808 – 2500 x2172 or by e-mail: Mark.Surovchak@bvasd.net. I look forward to helping you in any way possible!

Sincerely,

Mark A. Surovchak
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