

South Haven Choral Department

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the privilege of working with Kelly Willard during her second year of teaching and presently in her third year as the choral director at Baseline Middle School in South Haven, Michigan. Kelly has an incredible personality and holds high expectations for herself and her students. The high school ensembles have benefitted from the work she has done with our student's time in her classroom during their middle school years.

Kelly encourages her students to participate in the MSVMA Honors Choir program as well as the Solo & Ensemble Festivals. She also takes her ensembles to the MSVMA District and State Choral Festivals with great success. In her daily classroom, students are taught and demonstrate the procedures of the room and know what is expected of them. Kelly is not afraid to ask questions or look at her own teaching methods to try and improve her pedagogical techniques. This is a trait I find extremely refreshing!

Ms. Willard has a passion for kids, teaching and music. It's amazing to see what she is able to accomplish with the young minds that come through her door. The South Haven Community is blessed to have such a dedicated director who will continue to grow and improve as an educator. If questions arise regarding Kelly Willard, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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