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Letter of Recommendation

Dear Sir/Madam,

*John J. Osuch*  
High School  
Principal

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Stephen Kozan (Student Author Movement) to speak at your school. Stephen and his illustrator, Tony Maulfair, visited Halifax Elementary School to present to our fourth-grade students. My staff and I were very impressed by the enthusiasm both men showed when talking with our students about the writing and illustrating process. Stephen successfully engaged all students in his presentation. The students of Halifax Elementary were excited and energized to learn and be an active part of the process. Stephen was warm and personable and related well to our students as he shared with them experiences from his own childhood that led to his career in writing. Our students were also extremely impressed by the artistic talent that Tony shared with them today as he created a fictitious character from suggestions of our students. I was equally impressed in their ability to have our students fully engaged in Flash Fiction writing at the end of the assembly. Our students were especially motivated by the prospect of becoming published authors.

*Matthew D. Czaplinski*  
Middle School  
Principal

*Michelle D. Bangert*  
Elementary  
Principal

*Lisa M. Slover*  
Director of Special  
Education

We want to extend a warm thank you to the First National Bank for sponsoring our Author Visit. It was greatly appreciated by our students and opened their eyes to the endless possibilities they have for creativity through writing and drawing. The generosity of the First National Bank is truly a blessing to us.

*Mindy L. Lorah*  
Director of  
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*Lori E. Miller*  
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Sincerely,

*Michelle Bangert*

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