

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to be a TEAM mentor because I have had the opportunity of learning from a wide range of people, across many disciplines who have shared their experiences and insights with me so I could become a better person, teacher, athlete and family member. I feel that as a TEAM mentor I could be the one to impart my twenty years of teaching experience to someone else. A beginning teacher can learn how to engage students and have a positive classroom environment where students feel comfortable both socially and academically by learning from my experiences and/or observing my lessons. Planning and implementing instructional content is a crucial part of the development of a teacher and I can provide the appropriate guidance in this area as well.

I am qualified to be a TEAM mentor because two of my strengths are communication and collaboration. These two attributes are key for any partnership to work where progress is the desired outcome. I am a firm believer that if communication is open and honest, progress is sure to follow. Collaboration goes hand in hand with communication in my view. Collaboration is a give and take where all parties are valued and heard from and is also a definite hallmark of progress.

I was a grade 5 teacher at South Side School for seventeen years and I am now in my third year teaching science at CHMS. Over the years I have served in many capacities in the school community. Some of these positions include: technology leader, webmaster, science leader, invention convention coordinator, after school and homebound tutor, summer enrichment teacher, reading intervention summer school teacher, school newspaper advisor and after school athletic program teacher. All of these positions gave me a variety of experiences that I will be able to share with a beginning teacher.

Thank you,
Craig Bernier