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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to provide a letter of support for Logan Phillips in regards to his Slam Poetry workshops. This is a request that I am honored to fulfill. As a High School Principal, there are many educational programs supporting student achievement and drop-out prevention that come across my desk. I had no predication or indication of the impact that a Slam Poetry presentation would have on the kids at Buena High School. Although I knew that Buena graduate, Logan Phillips, was immensely talented, nothing could have prepared me for the positive and dramatic influence that he and his Slam Poetry Workshops would have on the students at Buena.

Logan Phillips has an amazing ability to connect with a diverse population of high school students, particularly those who are not or have not ever been involved in other social clubs. He motivates them to think of possibilities and to take risks. He models the power of self-expression. He teaches the power and impact of writing and performing in front of peers. After our first Slam Poetry workshop, the students were so impacted they started their own Slam Poetry Club with public performances. This is currently the third year of the Slam Poetry Club at Buena, and the Club as tripled in size. Logan returns every year to impact more students.

I am presently the Principal at another high school in the Phoenix area where I have already begun to set up our Slam Poetry Workshops for this year. I have done this because I know the impact of these workshops and the transformational power of a student population not afraid to express itself in positive ways. I want to see students interest in writing and speaking develop, most of all I want them to experience things that they did not think they could experience, and accomplish things that they never knew they were capable of. Logan, of course, has already been contacted and scheduled to "work his magic" in inspiring our students, as he did so well at Buena.

In my opinion, the Slam Poetry Workshops, and Logan Philips, are the hidden secrets for engaging and motivating today's high school students. In regards to student achievement and drop out prevention it is one of the most powerful and effective educational programs that I have come across.

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