



# CARL SCHURZ HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Sir/Madam:

It is with distinct and great pleasure that I recommend Mr. Isaiah Dyrst for consideration for admission to your academic institution or scholarship assistance for the next academic year.

I first met Isaiah years ago as the son of a fellow Chicago Public School educator. When he arrived in my AP Environmental Science (APES) class, Isaiah was already eager to accept challenges and test his own motivation and abilities as a student in a college-level classroom. As Isaiah's AP Environmental Science instructor during his junior year, I immediately took notice of his dedication, his highest self-expectations for quality work, in addition to some of the kindest and politest behavior seen, as well as a sense of maturity rarely found in his peers. It was truly refreshing to see a junior who was committed to his work, his education and his personal desire to get involved and help the community. Isaiah furthered this impression for the next two years both in my class and as a member of our *One Goal program*.

Isaiah also furthered this impression of excellence and inquisitiveness through his intense love for business, marketing and his obsession to become an entrepreneur. He made amazing connections between the environment issues plaguing our world and the very important connections to business, creating his own goals and experiences as CEO of his own Composting Company or his connection to the food supply system as manager of a Farmers Market stand or his work in marketing through the company that bears his name. He is well respected, leading with gentle humility and confidence, humor and dedication- he will truly be one of my most amazing students to see blooming and flourishing in a collegiate environment away from the rigidity of high school programming. I am super excited to see what a full time internship (and he has done three of them during his high school summer breaks, including the attest at NYLF business innovation at Yale University this past summer) and the networking opportunities of a university can teach this young man!

In closing, again, without hesitation and with great honor and pride, I recommend Mr. Dyrst as the perfect candidate for consideration for admission to your institution or as the recipient of your scholarship. He will flourish, learn and grow as a young man and a student, while benefiting from all the access and support your assistance will provide towards all his academic endeavors.

Best regards-

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