



ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT

The mission of the Rockford Park District is to **HELP PEOPLE ENJOY LIFE**

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Rockford Park District has had the opportunity to share a partnership with Mr. Carl Cole for almost ten years, and it is with much pleasure that I am writing this letter of endorsement for him and his YES Club workshops. Mr. Cole has demonstrated a passion for working with the youth and teens in the Rockford community. His drive and determination to help young people succeed in every aspect of their lives is unsurpassed.

As a supervisor for 21st Century programs at several RPS 205 schools, I have noticed that students who attend his program have improved behavior and fewer referrals. He has succeeded in building a curriculum in sync with the "Respectful, Responsible & Safe" (RR&S) and State P.B.I.S. (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) structure. His wide skill set has allowed him to present the curriculum concepts in many forms including, but not limited to, the use of music.

Mr. Cole's group discussions have been a major benefit to the middle school students that interact with him. As one student at Kennedy was quoted saying, "When I'm with Mr. Cole, I learn not to take life as a joke. I also learn that there is a time and a place for everything. And lastly, he is a great man...funny & cool, and real!" Mr. Cole has the ability to capture their attention and influence their lives in ways that I have never seen before. His enthusiasm and passion for their lives is so infectious that they begin to echo his messages.

Mr. Cole is punctual, has strong organizational skills, good leadership qualities, and is a person of good character. His ability to create an atmosphere that promotes such positivity in others, demonstrates how the YES Club will be a great program for the students at Rockford Public Schools.

Sincerely,

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