



June 3, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Darlene Borchert as she seeks an administrative position. I have had the privilege of supervising Darlene since 2012 in her role as a Fashion Design Technology Teacher at Erie 1 BOCES, and I can confidently attest to her exceptional leadership, dedication, and commitment to Career and Technical Education.

Throughout her tenure, Darlene has consistently demonstrated a passion for both student success and program excellence. She has played a pivotal role in the growth and expansion of our Fashion Design Technology program, helping to elevate its profile and ensure it meets the evolving needs of students and industry standards. Her forward-thinking mindset and ability to translate vision into actionable outcomes have made her an invaluable member of our instructional team.

Darlene's leadership extends well beyond her classroom. She has served as a mentor to many new Career and Technical Education teachers, providing guidance, support, and modeling best practices in instruction and classroom management. Her willingness to invest in the success of her colleagues reflects her collaborative nature and her understanding of the broader impact strong educators have on student achievement.

One of Darlene's most notable contributions was her instrumental role in the development of the new fashion lab at the Erie 1 BOCES Calspan Career Center. She worked closely with the design team, offering insight and expertise to ensure the space would be both functional and reflective of industry standards. This project highlights her ability to collaborate across teams, manage complex initiatives, and maintain a focus on long-term program sustainability.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Darlene has taken intentional steps to prepare for educational leadership. Her completion of an internship as an assistant principal during the summer of 2025 provided her with valuable administrative experience and further strengthened her readiness to transition into a leadership role.



Darlene Borchert is a dedicated educator, a respected mentor, and an emerging leader who possesses the skills and disposition necessary to excel as an administrator. She is organized, thoughtful, and student-centered in her approach, and she consistently demonstrates professionalism and integrity in all that she does.

I recommend Darlene without reservation for any administrative position. I am confident she will bring the same level of commitment, innovation, and leadership to her next role as she has demonstrated throughout her career at Erie 1 BOCES.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Wodjeski".

John Wodjeski
Kenton CTE Principal
Erie 1 BOCES