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To whom it may concern:

My name is Margaret Cupp and I am a ninth grade algebra teacher at Bassick High School. Coach Sal is the Climate and Success Specialist for the ninth grade team. He is an asset to our team; both the teachers and the students benefit from his presence.

I have asked Coach Sal to come into my room to help refocus students. He has helped one student stay on task and now that student has begun to improve both his classroom behavior and participation. Coach Sal will also remove a few students from class when they need to be redirected. They spend some time with him, calm down, and can then come back to class and focus on the task at hand. Coach Sal has had a positive impact on student attendance. The students know that he expects them to be in class and that he will follow up with them and their teachers. Some students who were frequently cutting class have improved their math class attendance because they know Coach Sal expects it of them. Students want to live up to his expectations and get to class on time. Coach Sal is encouraging and supportive of the students. At the same time he maintains expectations of hard work and mature behavior. The students know that he cares about them and their success and they respond positively to that. I believe it would benefit the school if his position was full-time with the ninth grade at Bassick High School.

Sincerely,
Margaret Cupp

Note that the Climate and Success Specialist is part of the CommPACT work at Bassick High School in Bridgeport .