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It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Christopher Botta in nomination for the 2025 LIBTA Outstanding New Teacher Award. As a new business teacher at Herricks High School, Mr. Botta currently teaches Career and Financial Management, Principles of Marketing, Business and Personal Law, and Virtual Enterprise where he has consistently demonstrated excellence in the classroom; employing creative and innovative approaches to engage students and enhance their overall learning experience.

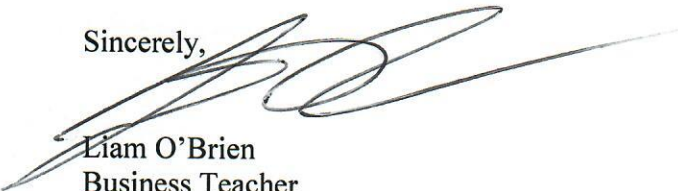
One of the key attributes that sets Mr. Botta apart is his ability to make business concepts accessible and engaging. He regularly implements hands-on, interactive methods in his teaching, which encourage students to apply their learning in real-world business scenarios. Mr. Botta cultivates an environment where students are motivated to think outside the box and work together to solve problems – something key to teaching business education at the high school level and currently in-line with the developing Herricks Portrait of a Graduate district initiative.

Beyond the classroom, Mr. Botta has been instrumental in supervising and preparing students for their DECA role plays, providing them with invaluable guidance and constructive feedback to help them succeed at both the regional and state levels of competition. His mentorship in this area has been a key factor in the growth and success of his students, as he consistently offers extra help and feedback to ensure his students are well-prepared and confident to present in front of their judges.

As his mentor, I have witnessed first-hand the dedication and passion he brings to his role as a teacher. His commitment also extends outside of the classroom to his role as Advisor of the Herricks Community Club, where he works tirelessly to foster student leadership and community involvement through student fundraising and community donations.

Mr. Botta exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding educator. His innovative teaching methods, commitment to student success, and passion for fostering leadership both inside and outside of the classroom make him incredibly deserving of the 2025 LIBTA Outstanding New Teacher Award. His impact on his students is immeasurable, and I have no doubt that he will continue to inspire and influence the future of education at Herricks High School for years to come. If you have any questions regarding his qualification, please feel free to contact me at 516.318.4379 or lobrien@herrickskk12.org.

Sincerely,



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