



# Kalida Local School

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Mr. Dick Fortner and I'm currently the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach at Kalida High School.

Towards the end of the past season (2008), we were looking for a motivational speaker who because of his mental toughness had overcome almost unbelievable obstacles in his second life.

We knew we had a veteran basketball team who wanted to have a long tournament run. We also felt that we wanted a speaker who could relate to our players how he had overcome almost impossible personal odds largely because of his mental toughness and determination.

I had been told that Mr. Matt Schroeder had this type of message to give. We also were told that because of an auto accident, he was told that he would never walk again.

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