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Letter of Recommendation: David W. Deeds

To whom it may concern,

David is exceedingly qualified to teach IT and technology-related subjects. He has a very high level of competence in both the workings and applications of many educational technologies as well as in IT curriculum design and teaching in K-12.

I worked with David at **Changchun American International School**, a K-12 IB school, where David taught IT and was the IT manager for the school. I was the head of primary and PYP coordinator as well as teaching middle years language classes.

In my first year working with him, David was very enthusiastic about collaboration and interested in interdisciplinary work. With David's voluntary help we increased the use of web 2.0 as well as virtual environments into the middle years language curriculum. This was a great success and led to very interesting practice for me as an educator as well as exciting learning experiences for students. David also engaged teachers from the humanities and fine arts in collaboration on what was a very successful interdisciplinary project for middle school students by building 3D scale models of environments they had studied and showcasing their work online for students and teachers from around the world. In David's own IT classes, students were fully engaged and excited by what they were learning. They often spoke with enthusiasm about their classwork in IT and were interested to find opportunities where it could be connected with other classes. David's knowledge and passion for teaching IT clearly influenced both his students and colleagues in a very positive way.

In our second year of working together at CAIS, David provided tremendous help in bringing more technology use into the primary school. In fairness, I would say that his enthusiasm and knowledge of IT teaching established technology integration as a hallmark of the school culture that has continued at CAIS in the time since both David and I moved on. The pathway to this success was paved through David's teaching successes in IT.

David is also of good character. He shares his passion and works hard to help others stay motivated when working on big or small projects. He is very organized, capable of working in teams with large groups of teachers from different backgrounds on concurrent projects and does not shy away from providing feedback to peers and colleagues when needed. David also has a good sense of humor and generally tries to keep things positive by injecting a good bit of levity into every situation.

I consider David to be a truly leading teacher in the field of educational technology and view him as a great asset for any school that is looking to provide an exciting IT curriculum or increase integration through collaborative projects.

Sincerely,



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