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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for David Deeds. I have known David throughout the 2014/2015 school year and have been impressed by his knowledge and professionalism as high school technology coordinator. In this position, David has provided the high school with everything from professional development training to working closely with teachers and students on project-based learning (PBL) curriculum.

The American School of Guatemala (CAG) is shifting its focus to PBL. David, an experienced educator and leader, provided the high school with training on how to implement this educational initiative. First, he taught the teachers the what, why, and how of PBL during an after school training session. David is an excellent communicator and problem-solver. He is comfortable in front of a group of his peers and can answer difficult questions posed by teachers. At the conclusion of the meeting, I had not only learned all about how to design, grade, and implement PBL, but I also left the training session with a PBL idea of a machinima loosely based on *Macbeth* and an invitation from David to assist me with the project. Finally, David was instrumental in making the 12<sup>th</sup> grade machinima project a success over the next three months. He came into the classroom regularly to troubleshoot any problems the students encountered and made the project the most memorable and worthwhile assignment of the year.

David is a Google Certified Teacher, and I received another benefit from have him on staff at CAG. I teach 12<sup>th</sup> grade English, a subject area that requires lots of writing from students. Google Classrooms was introduced to the high school teachers at yet another meeting directed by David. During the meeting, David was able to show the teachers the merits of a paperless classroom. I was especially intrigued by this, and after David set up five classroom sections for me, I continued to use Google Classrooms to organize, grade, and return all of my writing assignments to my students. Having a technologically experienced person on the high school team made a significant impact on my success as a teacher this year.

David cares about education, technology, and especially students. I was constantly amazed by his knowledge and his willingness to share it. He has a clear vision of what education should look like in our technologically rich world and is tireless in changing outdated perspectives. It is without hesitation that I recommend David for employment. If you have any questions or would like to talk to me further about David Deeds, please do not hesitate. I can be contacted through CAG or my personal email.

Sincerely,

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