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To Whom it may Concern,

Marc Sommerville has been a member of the Young Hoon Elementary School staff since August 2009. He has been working in the Grade 4 area of the school during that time. He is presently the Team Leader for his grade and he has commanded the respect and admiration of his grade members as well as the whole faculty. He works in a very professional, cooperative manner taking into account individual differences and others' points of view.

I have found him to be a well organized, quiet and innovative classroom teacher. He enjoys a challenge and is always trying to improve and stimulate his students by providing them with the best possible education. He has initiated such things as literature circles and guided reading, and has shown a wide use of technology in the classroom including the Activboard, Activotes, online learning, computer lab activities, Raz-kids and Spelling City.

He has taken part in many Professional Development opportunities offered by the school and has also attended the annual K.O.T.E.S.O.L Conferences held in Seoul. From these P.D. opportunities he has been able to translate his knowledge into his classroom program to benefit his students through workshops, running records, oral language, behavior management and differentiated instruction.

During his time here we have had a PYP Coordinator to assist and train the teachers in the procedures of the I.B. Program. Marc has been involved in writing units of work for his class and his grade, taking into account the specific requirements and procedures needed to implement this program.

Marc's strength is in the classroom management area. His classroom is very well organized and his students know his expectations and requirements. His handling of student behavior is consistent and fair. The students respect his decisions and they are able to translate this positive behavior into their lives outside the classroom.

Programs and activities initiated by Marc include a new math series and synchronization of the English and Korean curriculums where possible for his grade. He was also responsible for organizing and running a Grade 4 outdoor field trip which involved setting up activities and directing teachers.

Our school setting requires a Team Teaching shared environment. Marc has shown that he is very capable of working closely with a co-teacher in a professional manner. His relationship with his students and their parents has been outstanding.

Marc would be an asset to any staff and I would have no hesitation in recommending him to future employers.


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