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Letter of Reference: Jason Robinson

Jason Robinson is currently the class teacher for Grade 6 at our school, having joined us in August, 2001. As soon as he arrived, Jason very quickly organized his classroom and teaching materials, and then was able to assist with our two-week Summer School upgrading programs. When our regular academic year began, Jason was more than ready to deal effectively with his very diverse class. He has the competence and motivation to individualize programs for his students, many of whom are early English language users and one of whom is extreme Special Needs - fully integrated into the classroom setting.

I have visited Jason's classroom a number of times and have always been thoroughly impressed with the quality of teaching. The students are totally engaged in the lessons, feeling comfortable about asking questions for clarification and answering questions well, knowing that their efforts will be responded to with consideration. Jason's lessons are well prepared and presented. He clearly has appropriate goals in mind and has the flexibility to make the necessary adjustments to meet his students' varied needs. The atmosphere in Jason's classroom is one of caring, peace and production.

Jason uses sound methods of evaluation, combining the concepts of product and process. He is introducing his students to their first exam writing experience in the American system, ensuring that the transition from Grade 6 to Grade 7 will be facilitated. Jason's emphasis is on student growth, and he has established realistic objectives for each of his students. Jason is an excellent record keeper and communicator. He has frequent and meaningful contact with his students' parents, thus welcoming them into the process of guiding their child's academic and social development. His written reports are observant and detailed, and show great insight into the potential of each child. Jason's report language is personalized and positive, so the parents have confidence in and high regard for him.

In addition to exemplary classroom skills, Jason has proven to be a fine staff member. He has substituted many times for his colleagues, and he gives extra time unstintingly for a variety of additional duties. Jason does not miss school days and he is always early to arrive. His conduct is completely professional in all areas, and he is highly esteemed by all members of our school community. Jason Robinson is a true educator.

Without hesitation, I give Jason Robinson my highest recommendation. The school that decides to hire Jason will have made an excellent choice.

Regards,

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