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To whom it may concern:

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Jonathan Thompson (Jonny).

Jonny has been a member of our Grade 4 teaching team at Stamford American International School, Singapore (SAIS) for the past three years. Since starting with us at the beginning of the 2016-17 academic year, Jonny has quickly established himself as a highly skilled, collaborative and reliable member of our staff.

One thing that instantly stands-out about Jonny is his warm personality and the amazing relationships he builds with the entire school community. His holistic approach to education ensures that he truly knows his students. Jonny regularly explores social skills with his class and can often be sharing a laugh with his students. Furthermore, Jonny's easy-going attitude and warm demeanor with parents and teachers, make him a well liked and respected member of our school.

Outside of the classroom, Jonny is especially well known for his passion in bringing new ideas and improvements to our planning and curricular program meetings. He is constantly developing new and exciting ways to engage the students, while always keeping the curricular integrity of our standards intact. This is undoubtedly, one of the reasons why he was hand-chosen by our curriculum department to be involved in the planning and roll-out of our new Science Curriculum, launched earlier this year. Simply put, Jonny is our go-to teacher for new ideas that are 'outside the box'.

Another area where Jonny has had a significant positive impact on our school is in his approach to IT integration. Being a certified Apple Teacher, Google Educator and SeeSaw Ambassador, his skills with a variety of digital tools have been invaluable to his students' engagement and learning. Earlier this year, at the request of the principal, he began running regular IT up-skilling PD sessions for many of our Upper Elementary teachers. Jonny's willingness to share this knowledge has subsequently benefitted countless students.

I strongly believe that Jonny's warm personality, commitment to team building, cross-curricular planning and IT integration experience would highly benefit any school. I would have no hesitation in recommending him for any future teaching position he wishes to pursue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael O'Brien'.

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