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To Whom It May Concern:

This is an open reference in support of Jonathan (Jonny) Thompson written by Perry Tkachuk, PYP Coordinator – Stamford American International School, Singapore.

I have worked with Jonny in my role as the PYP Coordinator at Stamford American International School for approximately two-and-a-half years. During this time, I have been involved with him and his grade level teams as they developed units of inquiry, as well as math units and assessments. I have also worked with Jonathan in his classroom to help him develop his knowledge and understanding as a PYP practitioner.

Jonny's greatest strengths are his creativity and ability to build strong relationships with his students and colleagues. This was very evident during the many days I spent working with him and his students in his classroom, as well as the weekly planning sessions I spent with him and his grade 4 colleagues over the years.

Jonny understands the concepts, tools of inquiry, and the structures of the disciplines he teaches. He also goes to great lengths to create learning experiences that make these aspects of subject matter meaningful and personal for all students. Within the framework of the PYP, he has consistently shown creativity and thoughtfulness to create an engaging learning environment that takes into account students' interests and backgrounds. He is now looked to as a leader in his grade level when it comes to adding great ideas to units of inquiry. He has also become the "Go to" person when it comes to anything to do with technology.

Finally, Jonny is a reflective practitioner who has taken advantage of the opportunities that have been offered to him grow professionally. He has sought mentorship in order to strengthen his practice and has always tried to integrate the new ideas we discussed when we worked together. I have always appreciated his open-mindedness and positive attitude in this area and I think it has much to do with him improving his practice over the past few years.

For the reasons stated above and if I were in the position to do so, I would hire Jonny without hesitation in the future.

I would be happy to speak to you further in person regarding my recommendation of Jonny Thompson becoming a member of your school community. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,

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