



大连枫叶国际学校

Dalian Maple Leaf International School

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Steve Magnus Colvin, whom I have worked with as a colleague at Maple Leaf International school – Dalian from August 2018 to present. MLIS-D is an international school in Northern China serving a predominantly Chinese student body. We have been accredited by the British Columbian ministry of Education to June 2022 and are currently accredited by Cognia with UK-ENIC benchmarking our curriculum. During the time we have worked together, Steve has taught senior level English, encompassing literary studies and language and comprehension courses.

In his role as a teacher, Steve is masterful. He has vast content knowledge, plans thoroughly, and differentiates for all student levels. He builds meaningful relationships with his students that show in how hard they are willing to work in his classes. He creates engaging lessons and stimulating assessments that are well scaffolded to support the development of English skills. Steve sets high expectations of his students and provides them with the tools and skills to meet those expectations. He actively encourages critical thinking both inside and outside the classroom and his students respect him immensely.

As a member of the Senior English Department, Steve is well-respected, and his input and views are valued by both senior and junior teachers. He often takes on the role of informal mentor to new teachers in the department and shares his knowledge, resources, and experience generously. He is also exceptionally skilled in resource and assessment creation. He has a knack for creating valid, well-structured, and engaging assignments and activities for his students and for the department. In as far as being a member of the team, he is held in high esteem by all members of the institution.

As a colleague, Steve is one of the most knowledgeable and professional teachers I have ever worked with. I wholeheartedly recommend Steve for any position that he may apply for. His work ethic, content knowledge, experience and professionalism will always push him to excel.

If you need any further information, please contact me at marlizvanzyl@mapleleafedu.com.

Regards,

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