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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to recommend Rob Clarke as an outstanding educator. I worked with Rob in 2003-2004 when he taught grade 5 at the Egham campus of ACS. At that time I was the Curriculum (PYP) Coordinator/Assistant Principal.

The American Community Schools (ACS), England were founded in 1967 to serve the expatriate community. We are non-sectarian, co-educational schools for students from 3-18 years of age. We educate a multi-national student body in accordance with both American and internationally recognized educational principles and practices. ACS has three schools on the outskirts of London and the Egham School was opened in August 1995. It has an enrolment of 500 students aged 3-18 years old. The ACS Egham Middle School was authorized as an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IBMYP) school in May 1999. The Lower School was authorized as an IB Primary Years Program (IBPYP) in May 2001 and we are authorized to offer the IB Diploma in Grades 11-12. ACS Egham is also accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Schools.

Rob displays an enthusiasm for teaching children that is infectious. His students mindfully engage in learning as they think, have discussions, attempt new tasks and solve problems. They are patient with themselves and tolerant of each other as they work independently and collaboratively to achieve learning goals. Rob effectively communicates purposes for learning and the steps and cues the students will have to follow in order to meet expectations. Sensitivity to the individual needs of the children is evident in the ways that Rob adapts learning experiences, adjusts the overall timeline of the planned and taught curriculum and in his communication with parents and professionals who share in the education of the children. Overall, his learner-centered approach and environment leads students to experience success.

Rob's deep commitment to professional development has enabled him to transition to many professional opportunities. He embraces learning and applies what he learns in ways that make a difference in the classroom. He empowers students to do the same.

Rob will make a valued member of any faculty. I fully recommend him for any position for which he feels qualified. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Sandra Hite
Lower School Principal