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To Whom It May Concern:

I am honored to write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Melissa Enderle who has been employed at the International School of Belgrade (ISB), Serbia for the past four years. During the past four years Melissa has successfully filled the role as the School's first Technology Facilitator. During the first three years, Melissa also filled the role of Technology Coordinator, planning the technology budget and leading the technology team. The International School of Belgrade is a private, college preparatory school, offering children from around the world an international curriculum, aligned with academic standards, with the language of instruction being English. The International School of Belgrade has 350 students from forty different nationalities and has seen tremendous growth and change during the four years Melissa has been employed at the school.

I can strongly attest to her dedication to the education of all young children; she fosters a child-centered approach, believing that students are likely to demonstrate positive qualities when they are allowed to share in their own learning. From Melissa, children at the Lower School receive support and guidance in the technology lab using progressive software and through meaningful connections. Her focus at ISB has been the development of students', teachers', and administrators' understanding of technology and the implementation of the effective use of these tools in the classroom.

Melissa has supported teachers through offering tailored professional development opportunities that catered to learning styles, needs and personal interest. She has encouraged the growth and enthusiasm of the early technology adopters, as well as, gently nudging the reluctant learners in a safe environment. Melissa's gentle nature is non-threatening to adult learners and as a result, she experiences great success. Melissa has spent a great deal of time selecting and making resources available to teachers by creating many visual tutorials. Melissa demonstrates a high level of professionalism and internationalism as she works with both students and staff. She clearly enjoys teaching and the collaborative work with grade level teams and has successfully co-planned many wonderful technology learning opportunities for the children at ISB.

Melissa has also been a leader in the development of the school's first technology plan, the technology replacement cycle, academic standards for technology, the adoption and implementation of a school-wide database, as well as budgeting for these major initiatives. Melissa has been a driving force behind the school-wide adoption and progressive attitude toward technology at ISB. Melissa is an active and contributing member of the Curriculum and Leadership Council, where she ensures that in all areas of curriculum development that the use of technology is be effectively considered.

Melissa is passionate, focused, a risk-taker and a team player. She is actively involved in school improvement for improved student learning. She is independent, artistic and a kind a lovely person to have on staff. I would recommend highly recommend Melissa for a position on your faculty. She will dedicate a hundred percent and more. If you have any further questions with regard to her background or qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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