

Pasir Ridge International School

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Professional Reference

Heidi LeGassick

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a strong endorsement of the professional and personal attributes of Heidi LeGassick, an applicant for a teaching position currently available in your school.

As the school Director, I have had the pleasure of working directly with Heidi for the past two years. Heidi is one of the best Pre-K teachers I have ever had the privilege of working with and I would easily place her in the top echelon of early childhood teachers. Heidi is well versed in 'best practice' of the education of young children and her classroom environment is the epitome of the constructive –play centered world, which is essential for young learners. Caring, conscientious and extremely creative, Heidi always puts what is best for students at the forefront of any decisions she makes. Heidi is willing to do the extra for her students and for her school community as a whole. This positive connection with students is evident within her class, and carries over into her daily instruction.

I believe these glimpses into Heidi's practice, from excerpts of observations, professional appraisal documents and a recent annual goals performance review, are further evidence and wonderfully describe Heidi and what she has to offer as a teacher:

- *Heidi has been a terrific addition to our ECC team and consistently does a marvelous job within her ECC classroom, building community, nurturing self-esteem and advancing the thoughts and ideas of our young learners. As a true professional, Heidi is constantly looking to improve her skills as a teacher to enhance what she brings to the learning environment of her classroom.*
- *Heidi I appreciate your positive energy, flexibility, creativity and openness to new ideas. You help to "put a spring in all our steps" everyday. Thank you for being part of our PRIS community and reflecting daily the true values of our school.*
- *The environment in Heidi's Pre-K classroom is warm, welcoming and collaborative. Students are immersed in an emergent curriculum and thoroughly engaged in the rich variety of centers and activities. One can easily see that the focus in "Miss Heidi's" room is on the development of the whole child. Great care and thought are given to providing for the cognitive, social-emotional and physical learning needs of each child.*

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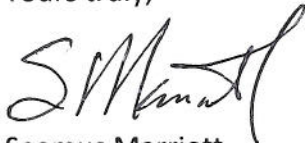
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- *I agree with Heidi's self-assessment that she meets and/ I would argue often exceeds expectations within the various components of the Professional Responsibilities/Community Enrichment domain. Heidi reflects upon her teaching and learning in various ways, keeps meticulous records of children's learning and development, communicates and welcomes families through numerous avenues including –personal conversations, newsletters, classroom blog, as well special projects which involve parents.*
- *Heidi participates willingly in school based professional development, and recently worked with our Literacy Coach to co-present an Early Childhood Literacy Night for parents. In addition, Heidi co-chaired an excellent Art Show and Art Auction last May with proceeds of \$10 000 going to a local charity.*

School-wide Heidi participates and is active on many levels. This past year Heidi was a member of the PRIS Social Committee, the School beautification Committee and the PRIS Library Renewal Committee. In addition, Heidi worked in her capacity as the lower school Art teacher to convene a terrific Art Show and led out on our 2nd Annual Art Auction. Heidi is a leader of some after-school activities (Children's Yoga, Girl Scouts) and is also always ready to support school-wide events such as Family Day, Kids' Triathlon, Friendship Games, etc. Within the Community, Heidi assists in the sponsorship of monthly movie nights for children living on the Ridge, and was the catalyst and event coordinator for the first Father/Daughter Ball.

Heidi is a well-liked, respected colleague, has wonderful relationships with parents, and is definitely a team person. I recognize and understand their family decision to move away from PRIS, but I also know that her departure from our school community will be viewed as a great loss. I would highly recommend both Heidi and her husband Matt and given a match, I strongly suggest that you interview them to personally assess the fit that their skills and experience offer to your school and community. I would be pleased to engage in a personal conversation or to provide any additional reference you may require. PRIS' loss is definitely your gain should you decide to employ Heidi and Matt LeGassick.

Yours truly,



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