

Pasir Ridge International School

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Professional Reference

Matthew LeGassick

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a strong endorsement of the professional and personal attributes of Matthew (Matt) LeGassick, an applicant for a teaching position, which may be available in your school.

As the school Director, I have had the pleasure of working directly with Matt for the past two years. Across a range of different situations and activities, I have noted a strong professional commitment to excellence in all aspects of his teaching role, a high level of appropriate responsiveness to the needs of his school community (students, staff, and parents), and an exemplary dedication to school vision and success.

I believe these glimpses into Matt's practice, from observations, professional appraisal documents and a recent annual goals performance review, wonderfully describe Matt and what he has to offer as a teacher:

- *Matt each time I am in your classroom I am impressed with the interactions between you and class members. Conversations, instructions, and conferences with individuals are always highly respectful, and reflect genuine warmth, caring, sensitivity and intimate knowledge of the child as a learner. The organization and overall culture of learning within your classroom is magnificent with students truly holding themselves and their performance to a high standard. Management of both classroom procedures and student behavior are seamless.*
- *I believe that Matt definitely meets expectations within the Instruction for Student Learning domain. Through conversations, classroom observation and review of student assessment documents and other evidence presented, I can attest to the fact that classroom instruction in both Math and Science is driven by a clear sense of purpose/ direction, on-going assessment and the individual learning needs of students within the class.*
- *Matt is a tremendous asset as a classroom teacher and to the school community as a whole. Matt continually strives to do his very best to provide quality program and instruction both in and out of the classroom.*

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Professionally Matt seeks out professional development and constantly looks for ways to grow and improve in his craft. This includes communicating with teachers in other schools, attendance at professional conferences, and partnering with our technology integration teacher to explore new ways to enhance his teaching through the embedding of new technology. As an example, in his work over the past two years to bring stronger coherence to our MS Science Curriculum, Matt also investigated ways to better integrate technology into the curriculum. As a result of this parallel focus in teaching and mapping our MS team successfully launched a one to one lap top program in which Matt played a vital role.

Beyond his immediate classroom Matt also plays a vital role in a number of school/community activities. These include: Roller Blade Hockey (ASA), the creation of a Thursday Fit-Club (ASA), and coordination of a 6 night MS Trip to Sulawesi. In addition, participation in school-wide events such as Family Day, Swim Meets, Kids' Triathlon, Friendship Games and Community activities which include Monthly Movie nights for Ridge Children and the sponsoring/ planning of a Community Father-Daughter Ball.

Matt is a well-liked colleague and I know that his departure from the Pasir Ridge community will be viewed as a great loss. I would highly recommend both Matt and his wife Heidi 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 Matt & Heidi LeGassick.

Yours truly,



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