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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure and sincerity that I write a letter of recommendation for Heidi LeGassick. "Miss Heidi," as her students affectionately call her, is a colleague whom I have known personally and professionally over the past two years while working in Thailand. She is indeed a fine educator and I can attest to her excellent teaching abilities and her professional commitment to education. Heidi is full of enthusiasm, humor, and has a very caring attitude.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Heidi. She is professional, resourceful and involved. She collaborates with her colleagues. She has participated in teacher leadership workshops through EARCOS, NAEYC and school-wide professional development. As the lead Preschool teacher at Ruamrudee International School, she is instrumental in curriculum planning, sets agendas for team meetings, communicates in a variety of ways with parents, plans field trips, and acts as liaison between administration and colleagues. She has facilitated the development and implementation of our Early Learning Center model. In addition, she has taught the following workshops: Positive Discipline for Preschoolers, Family Math Night With Your Preschooler, By The Block – Importance and Benefits of Block Play, and Using Sign Language in the Classroom.

Above all Heidi respects and loves children. Her classroom is designed with the young child in mind. She creates a literature rich environment where language and self-confidence can flourish through storytelling and dramatic play. She also encourages block activities noting the math concepts and creativity that stem from these activities. She stresses the importance of developing a strong classroom family, which includes talking circles and child led group times. Coming from a cooperative school background, the sense of community is very important to Heidi.

Excellence is just one of the words that describes Heidi LeGassick. She is an involved teacher, a teacher leader, and a team player. She establishes high expectations for her students and initiates effective programs that will increase student achievement and promote age appropriate social and emotional development. She is responsive and sensitive to the needs of others. She



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understands the important role that parents play in a child's academic and social success and provides a wide variety of opportunities for them to be meaningfully involved in the life of their child's education.

Mrs. Le Gassick is competent, intelligent, respected by her colleagues, and loved by the young children she teaches. As her resume indicates, she has a diverse teaching background and learning is a priority. It is without reservation that I recommend her to you. Should you have the good fortune to employ her and work with her, your school will gain an energetic, creative, and dedicated professional who will bring many strengths to the school community in which she is placed. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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