



AMERICAN SCHOOL OF BOMBAY

Letter of Recommendation
Jacques Weber

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I have known Jacques as a faculty member here at the American School of Bombay (ASB) where he has served since August, 2007. Jacques has taught middle and high school French and Spanish, served as a grade 8 advisor, coached high school soccer, and served as Modern Language Department Head. Jacques has also led after school clubs and as part of his administrative course work, he has supported the development of our master schedule. As the Middle School Principal at ASB, I have been responsible for supervising Jacques. Jacques approaches his work with excitement and passion. His classes are busy and stimulating. His students appreciate his sense of humor, his discipline to get things done, and his deep interest in making learning a language real for them. His colleagues respect his knowledge, flexibility, and intellect. Since coming to ASB, he has demonstrated a commitment to the program and to his students. Should he leave, he will be missed by the entire community.

Jacques is a linguist with a well-refined curiosity in and deep capacity for foreign language acquisition. Jacques has been a positive force in our modern language department. He is a strong educator with a clear vision for modern language instruction. He thrives on challenges and school improvement.

Jacques is a team player. As a member of the grade 8 advisory team, he has helped build our advisory program to include service experiences, character learning and reflection, week-long student trips, and academic coaching. Of note, he has introduced and led in the development of our orienteering/geo-caching activity on our grade 8 student trip. His work as department head has required Jacques to coordinate and led his colleagues through curriculum review, benchmark adoption, assessment development, and course alignment. He has helped facilitate appropriate transitions between the elementary, middle and high school/IB French programs. Currently, Jacques serves on our school wide Technology Leadership Team and Head of Department Team both of which require him to engage other teacher-leaders in productive and effective school practice. Jacques makes people on a team feel at ease, he is task-oriented, and he strives to create environments in which people can be candid and feel respected and supported. He interacts with equal confidence and energy with colleagues, students, and parents.

Jacques has continued to develop into a well-rounded and highly capable modern language teacher at ASB. He led in the adoption of our modern language curriculum, which is recognized as a strong and balanced language learning program with clear standards. He has been one of several technology leaders at ASB to spearhead the use of the application "DyKnow" for use in modern language classes. He has contributed to Pam Livingston's book, *1:1 Learning*, and he has also contributed writing to the Anytime Anywhere Learning Foundation. He has served on a Middle States Association (MSA) accreditation team and has led workshops on teaching in the IB/DP Program.

I would mention here that ASB is a private, co-educational day school operated in association with the Consulate of the United States of America. The School is fully accredited by the Middle

States Association of Colleges and Schools and the International Baccalaureate Organization. ASB is a fully accredited IB World School, offering the PYP, Middle School, and dual IB and AP programs. It is also a member of the Near East/South Asia Council of International Schools. We serve 700 - 750 students representing more than 51 nationalities. Over 95% of ASB graduates attend a four-year college or university. We are the school of choice for the vast majority of expatriots on overseas assignment in Mumbai, India home to one of the fastest growing economies in the world. ASB is a one-to-one tablet school from grades 4-12.

The ASB community has been fortunate for Jacques's participation and work here over the past three years. I am pleased to offer my recommendation of Jacques as a highly effective modern language teacher and/or an associate administrator with significant potential. As an emerging school leader, Jacques will benefit from a leadership situation in which senior mentorship is an integral part of the position.

If you have any questions or would like further details on Jacques's work at ASB, do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone.



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