

## المدرسة الأميركية الدولية في مصر - غرب AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN EGYPT **-** WEST

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Dear School Recruiter and Search Committee,

It has been my privilege to work with Mr. Patrick Blois since August, 2015 at the American International School in Egypt – West Campus. My working relationship with Mr. Blois has been in the capacity of Secondary School Principal with him as a Middle School English instructor, NJHS Advisor and MS Student Council Advisor. During the time I have worked with Mr. Blois he has demonstrated many qualities of responsibility, devotion to the job and teamwork and is a valuable and valued member of my Secondary School team.

I have observed him in the classroom, in faculty meetings, at school activities and supervising students on school trips and I have witnessed professional growth and development regarding curriculum writing and student behavior management – the students at this school are not 'easy' to manage and Mr. Blois does an excellent job with them! This is primarily due to the fact that he establishes strong, positive relationships with his students that allow him to hold them to high standards. Some of the characteristics that come to mind when thinking about Patrick, are: passionate about student learning and English; ALWAYS willing to do more than expected; articulate; and conscientious.

Mr. Blois holds himself and others (students, parents and work colleagues) to high standards. He is well-versed in pedagogic best-practices and seeks to connect English with life, for his students. His recent professional development training in curriculum development has resulted in a valuable expertise for Mr. Blois that he freely shares with others. He has also led some in-house PD training in using technology in the classroom to support student learning — his workshop received very positive reviews from his colleagues. As one of the NJHS Advisors he consistently promotes the high standards that are expected from student members and holds the students accountable to maintaining the pillars they are expected to uphold. He promotes student independence and responsibility by pushing students to solve problems on their own. He is a strong, stable member of the Grade 6 team and really helps that grade level with their transition to Middle School through his consistent, caring and fair approach to them.

In short, I highly recommend Mr. Patrick Blois. He is a person who can get the job done. He has demonstrated his abilities, very well, many times in the past two years. Patrick Blois would be an excellent candidate for almost any educational institution. Please feel free to contact me at (my permanent email address) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joseph Jeyno - Secondary School Principa