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It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for my colleague Meira Gottlieb. I have worked closely with Meira for 3 years at the Anglo American School of Sofia. In almost twenty years of teaching I have not worked with a more organized, capable, and creative Tech Integration Specialist. Meira is an outstanding tech leader and digital arts teacher and she will be greatly missed.

I have worked with Meira on a number of tech projects in my social studies classroom. Not only is she always available for classroom support and teacher assistance, but she also makes students her number one priority by welcoming them into her room at any time. Meira has supported me on several occasions with implementation of iPad tech tools. For example, we collaborated on projects where students enhanced their learning by using Explain Everything to make their thinking visible. With Meira's assistance, students have also learned how to adeptly produce films and utilize filming equipment, including the use of a green room. Meira has also helped me to manage my classroom by introducing me to tools like Google Classroom and Doctopus. She regularly assists with any questions about Haiku or Power School, the learning and grading platforms at AAS.

Meira is an exceptional colleague on every level. She is personable, cooperative, efficient and extremely innovative. She has built a dynamic Digital Arts program that includes: video production, graphic design, digital illustration, and digital photography. Every trimester Meira's video production students showcase their work during Middle School assembly, where student videos are always received with considerable acclamation. She has cultivated a following of High School students, who are eager to take her classes each trimester. This is a testament to Meira's dynamic style and impact as an educator. It also demonstrates her effectiveness in implementing and designing original curriculum for the blended classroom.

Lastly, Meira's support of school wide technology systems is impressive. She has assisted in implementing and maintaining the BYOD program at AAS. She has also created various online tutorials for both students and teachers. She has developed and delivered professional development to her colleagues in the areas of Ed Tech, Google, Blogging, and Social Media.

Meira is an educator with a plethora of talent. I hold Meira's work ethic and creativity in great esteem, and I give her the highest recommendation. I truly hope that I will have the opportunity to work with Meira again in the future. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards.

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