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To whom it may concern

I have known Mr. Drew Sparkman since 2016, when I decided to enroll my son Matei in the SEK International School – Budapest. Mr. Sparkman was not only a teacher, but also – and more importantly - the tutor of my son and his classmates.

At our very first meeting, Mr. Sparkman struck me positively as an extremely earnest interlocutor. He made a convincing profile of my son's competences and skills, advanced a series of recommendations and invited a reaction from me. This encounter was but the first in a series of meetings that helped us – our son and us, his parents – to better understand the requirements of the IB program and to adapt to them accordingly.

Conferring regularly with Mr. Sparkman was never a standard procedure, a mere formality devoid of substance. On the contrary, I left every such meeting with the clear impression that I better understood my son, his needs and expectations, and that I was in a better position to assist Matei during his IB years.

What I know about Mr. Sparkman comes both from direct experience, and also from what Matei has told us. Our son has an unmitigated respect for his tutor: he admires his solid professional skills, his honesty, openness and composure. It has become obvious for us that Mr. Sparkman succeeded in conveying to his pupils not only scientific content but also moral guidance. In other words, Mr. Sparkman fulfilled superbly both his responsibilities: as a teacher and a tutor as well.

We are unreservedly grateful to Mr. Sparkman and congratulate in advance any school able to retain his services.

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