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It is my pleasure to recommend Matthew Gordon for a teaching position in Construction Technology. In the 2014-15 school year Matthew was a Teacher Candidate assigned to work with me in my grade nine through 12 Construction program for all three sessions of his practicum. Matthew took on small teaching tasks early in his first week and handled them with great confidence.

During Matthew's first rotation, he took the lead in one of my classes and used differentiated instruction to deliver his lessons. Matthew came up with activities that helped students build on their techniques before actually working on that process for their project. This strategy helped to ensure that the steps were done correctly and accurately. Matthew also established class routines. For example, when Matthew asked "is everyone ready," the students replied yes, and then would all be quiet and ready for the instructions.

During his practicum Matthew planned and delivered an entire unit. He helped design a new project, as well as made the instructional booklet that students then used to build their projects. This unit has been a great success and will continue to be used for years to come. Matthew's love and passion for this subject show in his every day practice in the shop with the students. He always treated the staff and students with respect and was a consummate professional during his time here at MCVI.

As a Department Head, I would be happy to have Matthew choose to work in our school, and I am positive you will agree. Matthew will be a great addition to any school that chooses to hire him. I would be pleased to speak with you further about any questions you might have regarding his teaching abilities or qualifications. Please feel free to contact me at 905-767-4511 or by email at autoteacher.campbell@gmail.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Campbell', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Adam Campbell
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