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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this letter on behalf of Cassandra Turner who has acted as our Singapore Math trainer/consultant for the past two years. When we decided to adopt Singapore Math in May of 2008, Cassy came highly recommended for her experience with the program and her ability to work with and train teachers.

Our first experience with Cassy was in August of 2008. She was invited to work with my primary department faculty for two days since we decided to introduce the program to these grade levels first. I also invited our math teachers in grades 3, 4 and 5 to participate in order to give them an introduction to the curriculum. We were beginning the new school year two weeks from the training date and my teachers were feeling some anxiety about using a new system of instruction that involved a different philosophical approach, along with new methodologies and vocabulary. During the two days of training, Cassy was able to put everyone at ease and reassured the teachers, regularly, that all would be fine. Her patience and willingness to answer questions was greatly appreciated. She created activities that simulated the teaching approach and the student experience. It was clear that she understood the necessary algorithms and the Singapore Math curriculum forward and back. Her energy level was outstanding, she used humor throughout, and even at the end of the second day she remained enthusiastic and was prepared to answer every question before she wrapped up.

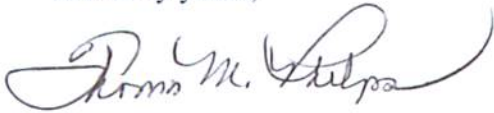
We brought Cassy back to Campbell Hall in October of 2008 to help teachers plan for the second semester. The teachers met with her in grade level teams and felt well prepared after their sessions. In addition, Cassy was able to recommend additional resources and was willing to steer us away from costly publications that would not enhance the student experience with Singapore Math.

Based on our positive experience with Cassy, we brought her back the next year to work with our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math teachers and get them ready for the coming school year. We also invited another school adopting the series to train with us. Cassie easily handled the increased number of teachers.

We launched the 2008-09 school year using Singapore Math and have not looked back. To a person, my faculty has ownership of the curriculum and remains passionate about Singapore Math. I attribute much of this enthusiasm to the confidence that Cassy helped instill in them during our training sessions and her willingness to be available by phone or email to answer any questions that came up along the way.

I highly recommend Cassandra Turner to any school or school district looking to adopt the Singapore Math program or to give additional training to faculty experienced in the system.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas M. Phelps". The signature is fluid and includes a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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