



## **JAKARTA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

*Curriculum and Professional Development Office*

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### **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

**In my capacity as Curriculum Coordinator for Jakarta Intentional School (JIS), I have the good fortune of working with Mr. Bruce Sherratt. He ably performs a variety of duties at JIS; he is high school IB visual art teacher, extension course instructor for San Diego State University and frequent contributor to co-curricular activities. Professional associations have often brought us together during our eight-year professional association.**

**I present this unqualified letter of support primarily as a professional working partner and program supervisor. However, I believe, of equal importance, is my first-hand knowledge of Mr. Sherratt's extraordinary classroom teaching abilities. I have come to know him as a parent of a high school daughter who has blossomed as an artist under his caring and skillful tutelage.**

**Bruce holds high expectations for his student yet permits the individuality of young artists to emerge, thrive and grow. He sets broad parameters that allow his students to roam creatively and test the limits of their skill and talents. His firm, intelligent and confident first impression is followed quickly by other obvious personal qualities of compassion, kindness, individual-perception and dedication. His students who spend time under his direct influence appreciate these attributes.**

**The JIS professional development program maintains a strong and diverse compliment of university extension course offerings. Mr. Sherratt is a committed contributor to the fine arts component of these professional development opportunities. Mr. Sherratt's skill for organizing, processing and delivering three highly effective courses for his colleagues is keenly recognized by faculty and evidenced by the always-oversubscribed courses he has taught for the past four years. He and a colleague were primary instigators of a successful two-week art and culture professional development experience taught in Bali, Indonesia to international educators from around Southeast Asia.**

**Mr. Sherratt is a leader and his JIS department colleagues seek his advice and counsel. He has served as head of department, IB examiner and, apart from his work as university course instructor for the wider JIS community, has conducted workshops for his JIS visual arts department members and other school-wide audiences.**



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**The time commitment extended to local community artists is extraordinary. Bruce gives it freely and unhesitatingly – to the delight and benefit of many fledgling artists in the JIS community. He is the single most persistent driving force and consummate organizer of the yearly JIS Community Art Exhibition. His art is featured among many other amateur and professional artists.**

**Bruce Sherratt is a highly experienced, intelligent and talented member of the JIS faculty who is an extremely dedicated professional educator and artist. I recommend that you seriously consider Bruce as a finalist candidate for any position for which he qualifies.**

**Sincerely,**

**Joseph M. Petrone, Ph.D.**

**Curriculum Coordinator and Director of Professional Development  
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