

May 29, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I highly recommend Jonathan Martin as a candidate for Head of School or any other administrative position. I have worked with Jonathan for five years at Saklan Valley School as a member of the Board of Trustees and for the last several years I was Development Committee Chair. I am very disappointed that Jonathan did not seek to renew his contract with Saklan Valley School and instead has chosen to seek another position.

Jonathan has been instrumental in the success of our fundraising efforts. Over the past few years we increased our Annual Giving from \$140,000 to over \$200,000 – quite an accomplishment for a small school of just over 100 families. This was due in large part to Jonathan's supporting the efforts as a strategist, planner, writer and speaker. Jonathan was intimately involved every step of the way: helping choose the theme, design the brochure, plot the timeline, set the ask amounts, and choose the right message and messenger for each individual prospect. He prepared thorough, analytical reports at the end of each campaign, complete with year-to-year graphs and charts.

During Jonathan's time at Saklan Valley School he was also responsible for many other successes and advances including the capital campaign which funded the purchase of our long rented campus and the preparation of a very fine new strategic plan. He was also responsible for the successful, maximum length renewal of accreditation term. Jonathan presides over many school events with great skill. At monthly board meetings Jonathan is always prepared, thoughtful and respectful of other points of view. He offers great insight to board deliberations, he is strategic in his mind set and very effectively evaluates the implications of any potential course of action. His regular board presentations were informative, interesting and engaging.

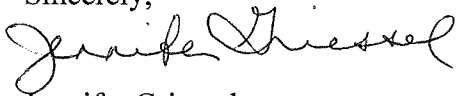
Jonathan was extremely devoted to Saklan Valley School and went above and beyond the call of duty on many occasions and spent many extra hours to ensure that the school and the programs were a success. He has excellent written skills, is very organized and always follows through. He would be an asset to any future position he is hired for.

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My husband and I live in one of the top public school districts in the state of California yet we choose to send my two boys to Saklan Valley School because of the excellent academic program that was offered and developed by Jonathan over the last nine years.

I recommend Jonathan to you without reservation. If you have any further questions with regard to his background or qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone numbers, emails and home address are listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Griessel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

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