

November 1, 2018

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Dear Ron:

Thank you for your continual hard work in supporting our students during their many internships at Sunny Canadian International School. We truly value the partnership between our two schools. This successful partnership would not be possible without your strong commitment to our program and our students.

One of the most valuable aspects of our students' experience at SCIS is how welcomed they feel. From before they even arrive, you and your staff ensure that they become respected members of the school community by communicating with them frequently and helping them to prepare for their time in your classrooms. Upon their arrival, your inclusion in the annual staff camping trip provides them with the opportunity to feel fully engaged as a staff member.

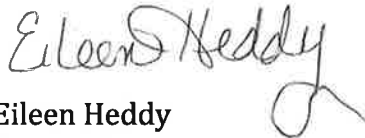
The mentorship provided by your teachers remains the most essential part of this experience for our students. We are so thankful for the wonderful staff and positive climate that you have cultivated at the school. Not only are the students of Sunny Canadian benefiting from that strong staff and school culture, but our students benefit as well. The teachers offer such a diverse wealth of backgrounds, preparation and teaching styles. The staff eagerly support our students and share their expertise with them. Often, teachers who are not the official host teacher for our teacher candidate offer to help them in any way they can. This provides evidence of the both the professionalism of your staff and the collegial atmosphere you have developed. As an experienced educator who has visited scores of schools, I appreciate the continued care required to create and maintain a positive school climate and culture. Your commitment in this area benefits your staff and students every day.

This sense of community at SCIS provides an atmosphere that allows our students to feel comfortable with the staff and supported in their work. As a result, our teacher candidates are encouraged to work hard and take risks. They know that they can try new things and their mentor teachers will help them to develop their ideas into effective, carefully crafted lessons. The strong relationships allow the cooperating teachers to mentor effectively because students are more receptive to feedback and more likely to implement it when there is a level of trust with the teacher.

We are also appreciative of the feedback that you provide our students. Although we visit to observe them, we are only there for a few days and we rely on your observations and engagement with the students. Observing each of them provides them with a realistic experience, similar to a principal's observation once they have their own classrooms. Your perspective and recommendations are essential to their growth as professionals and you always provide them with supportive, constructive and insightful feedback.

I hope that we can continue for many years the very beneficial relationship we have cultivated between our two institutions. Your leadership at Sunny Canadian International School has created a warm, supportive environment full of dedicated teachers. This environment provides our teacher candidates the perfect place to grow into professionals committed to teaching, learning and their students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eileen Heddy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Eileen Heddy
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