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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in regards to working with Melissa Enderle the past two years. Melissa and I came to AISCH at the same time. I was placed in third grade, and she was the elementary technology integrator. Although I had been teaching for 19 years, I only knew how to read e-mail and use the computer as a typewriter. AISCH is a well funded and equipped school, and it is expected that teachers get right on board with technology. Melissa's role was a little confusing to me. She wasn't the computer teacher—that's how little I knew when I came here.

Melissa helped me develop some goals in this area and set up the incremental steps to being successful.

This year, my primary professional goal was to learn how to use a Smartboard in the classroom. Melissa taught many professional development trainings facilitating the use of this powerful instructional tool. She worked with me 1-1, and we had small group refreshers. I not only learned how to use the Smartboard, but understand that it is an invaluable tool for teaching.

Our entire staff has developed new technological skills because of Melissa's instruction and guidance. She works with teachers of all abilities and extends what they do with their students. She was always at hand to help solve problems, and to find new resources for the entire elementary staff. She kept track of where I was in my learning and what would be a good next step for me to progress. I now embrace technology as a child's need and right in education, and am not afraid to try new things. I really owe this to Melissa. She is professional, supportive and meets her job with a mid-western attitude of working hard and being fair. She is extremely knowledgeable in the technological world. On top of this, she is an elementary teacher and understands young children and how they learn.

My planning and approach to instruction had a pivotal shift because of these news skills and ideas. I feel technology has expanded and improved my practice. AISCH has been very lucky to have her join them and get this program off to a solid and valuable start. I feel very fortunate for this professional development.

Sincerely,

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