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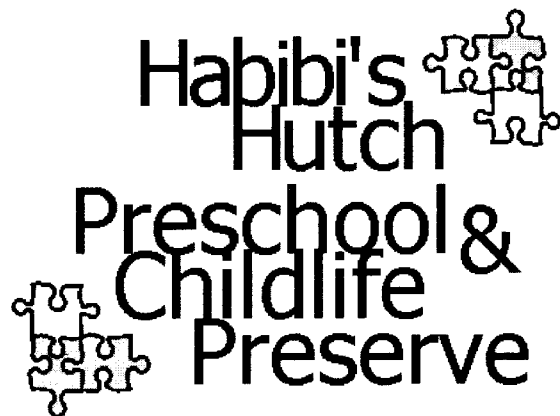
Letter of Reference for Sean Weiner

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a teacher for over twenty years and director at Habib's Hutch School for seven of those. We are a progressive, child-directed school in downtown Austin, Texas, which serves not only the immediate community of children who attend it and the families that surround them, but which also functions as a model school for education students at the University of Texas. We have high expectations of our teachers: patience, dedication, empathy, humor, enthusiasm, intelligence, self-discipline, and respect (to name a few). These are qualities that all our teachers possess and put to use everyday.

Sean Weiner was not only a Habibi's teacher who displayed these qualities, but he did so with such consistency and devotion that when our longtime assistant director left to finish his doctorate in education, despite Sean's youth and the relatively short time that he had been working at the school, I asked him if he would take over the job. During the following year as assistant director, he was not only a superb example to others as an educator but also an excellent communicator with the adults of our community. He understood intuitively our philosophy of education and expressed it with passion and precision through his writing and through his personal communication with other teachers and parents.

Sean is a thoughtful, caring person, and an exceptional educator and he will continue to be in whatever capacity he chooses. In the too short time he spent at Habibi's, Sean was always fully engaged in the enterprise of teaching, always looking to learn, continually evolving as a teacher and without exception rising to meet whatever challenge he encountered. I encourage anyone who can do so, to help him continue on his way in a field he has much to offer.



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