

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Incomplete  
Grad Program Applying To: MIT

Iteration Name: 202430\_GR\_G  
Program Name: MIT

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: Lois Takemura

Recommenders Title: (formerly) Head of Preschool and Primary

Recommenders Institution: International School of San Salvador

Contact Name: Valerie Machado

Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommendation Waiver Choice:

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 08/28/2023 03:10 PM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000110433437

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

#### Recommender Form Questions

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How long have you known applicant:

Applicant ability as self-directed learner:

Time since last contact with applicant:

Applicant as productive member of group:

Relationship with Applicant:

Applicant most significant strengths:

Ability to complete rigorous grad program:

Responsibility/reliability:

Communication Skills - Oral:

Communication skills - written:

Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:

Ability to work independently:

Ability to handle stress:

Ability to think critically:

Ability to analyze/problem solve:

Ability to think creatively:

Openness to feedback:

Potential for leadership:

Ability to work in a team:

Personal/professional reflection:

#### Description Information

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#### Other Information

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August 26, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Valerie since 2015, when she came to work as the second grade teacher at the International School of El Salvador for two years. I was her direct supervisor during this time, and had the opportunity to observe her compassion for students, professionalism with parents, and knowledge of the content and skills she taught. Valerie's responsibilities included teaching language arts (reading, writing, grammar, spelling), as well as math, social studies, and science. Her position required flexibility and adaptation of curriculum to the unique needs of each student. She worked in collaboration with the ESL teachers to decide when a child was ready to transition into the regular classroom, and evaluated when a child would benefit from full immersion or auditing. She also worked closely together with the teachers above and below her grade level to ensure that curriculum was vertically aligned. When necessary, Valerie identified potential learning disabilities for our educational team to address.

Valerie is responsible, organized, and a gifted teacher. She cares deeply for the well-being of each of her students. She has a kind and collaborative spirit, working well alongside all of her coworkers. Valerie is a wonderful person, as well as a wonderful teacher. I am certain she will be a loved and valued member of any future educational team she may form part of.

Sincerely,

Lois Takemura

Head of Preschool and Primary