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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write in support of Elizabeth Davis as a candidate for a teaching position in an elementary or secondary school. Liz and I have worked together at Belmont Hill School for six years and she has consistently shown herself to be an innovative and dedicated teacher, a supportive colleague, and proven leader.

As the Director of the Middle School, I have observed Liz in her role as a seventh grade advisor, seventh grade English teacher, ninth grade Digital Video teacher and director of several middle school theatrical productions. Liz also advises the middle school newspaper, publishing five issues a year. Liz is currently a member of the Administrative Team in her role as Director of Academic Technology. Three years ago we decided to add a series of workshops to our 7th and 9th grade curricula with a focus on safely navigating the ever - changing "online" world. Liz created, organized and facilitated these important workshops.

She is an energetic teacher who expects great work from her students. Liz shares her interest in the study of literature and poetry with her students. She is curious right along with them. Liz carries that same spirit into her work in the theatre. She understands the value of bringing a cast and crew together and building confidence in each student. Collaboration comes naturally to her and she encourages others to try.

I have been particularly impressed with the way she mentors new teachers. Liz is a friendly and accepting person and she puts effort into welcoming new members to our community. She often orchestrates a great deal of the spirit and fun that happens on our campus. She runs our annual school-wide Poetry Festival each year and also the Faculty Holiday Show. Liz is always eager to work with other departments on projects that tie together the themes of various courses. She is passionate about creating those types of collaborative experiences for her students.

Liz has a strong work ethic and effective leadership qualities. As Director of Academic Technology, Liz supports the faculty, assisting them on programs and projects as well as educating our team on the latest applications and tools for the classroom. She has the ability to work with our entire faculty, no matter their level of comfort with technology. She views technology not as a way to change the fundamentals of the valuable lessons taught in each discipline, but rather to use technology as a way to enhance what we already do so well and a way to connect even more with this generation of students.

I highly recommend Elizabeth Davis as a strong addition to any school community. Her diligence, energy, and sensitivity make working with her a pleasure. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Hamilton".

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