

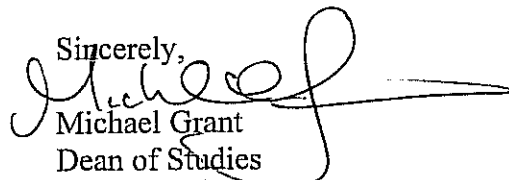
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To Whom It May Concern,

Over the course of a five-year period, from 2008-2013, I had the opportunity to both observe and work with Liz Davis in a variety of roles and on several projects. In the first few years of Liz's tenure here at Belmont Hill I served as Director of Admission, and I watched as under her leadership in technology on our campus our school made great strides in comparison to our peer schools. Later, and as I moved into the Dean of Studies position, I was able to work directly with Liz and at all times I was struck by both her knowledge in the realm of the use technology in education, but also her wise perspective in curriculum innovation, 21st century learning, and the vast changes in our educational landscape.

As a Director of Technology Liz brought passion, energy, and great expertise to our campus. Combined with a committed faculty, she steered our school through an array of pilots and changes. Perhaps most successful was moving our school to the Google suite of tools for education. With long hours of training, individual meetings, and commitment to success our school fully integrated the full range of Google educational possibilities in a short amount of time. In addition, there was a vast improvement in the overall integration of technology into daily classroom teaching of the majority of our faculty members, as our school quickly became an institution where technology just seemed to be everywhere. This was in sharp contrast to our previous leadership, and owed much to Liz's vision and good work.

Moving to the Dean of Studies roll I had the opportunity to work with Liz on a more individual level. Here, I learned that her knowledge extended well beyond her responsibilities as a Director of Technology to encompass an array of ideas centered on curriculum reform and teaching instruction. She has a particular interest in 21st century learning, and is quite adept at thinking about how those concepts integrate with both technology and can transform existing pedagogy. It was this passion and expertise that led to her selection by NAIS as a designated "Teacher of the Future". Surely Belmont Hill's loss will be another school's gain. If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Grant
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