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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Brady Fossenbell to you. I have worked alongside Brady at Daystar Academy in Beijing, China, for the past three school years. During this time, I have been impressed with the great deal of care and concern that he applies to his work as the K-12 LEAP Coordinator at our school.

Brady's passion for developing a comprehensive program to support English language learners at Daystar Academy has been apparent in all aspects of his work. From developing key language placement policies to developing and implementing an instructional model for English language development support to providing staff development on scaffolding instruction for English language learners within the elementary and middle school classrooms, Brady has proved himself to be an expert in the field and a true advocate for all students and teachers. In addition to developing our language support program, Brady has remained responsive to the needs of the teachers, parents, and students throughout the process. The training and implementation of the WIDA assessments and classroom supports has brought clarity and focus to our middle school program. With Brady's support, our teachers have been encouraged and challenged to more clearly identify students' language needs and develop specific supports to meet those needs.

In addition to demonstrating expertise and program development, Brady has also demonstrated a willingness to work directly with all stakeholders to support our students' language needs. This year Brady developed a series of language support talks with our teachers in which he first worked with our middle school LEAP staff to hold reflection sessions with teachers to then develop a series of optional sessions for teachers based on the items teachers prioritized in the reflection sessions. These sessions have empowered our teachers to discuss celebrations and challenges in supporting students' language development.

Without question, Daystar has enjoyed the good fortune of having many dedicated and passionate educators over the years. Brady is definitely no exception. If you have any questions or if I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [shawnat@daystarchina.cn](mailto:shawnat@daystarchina.cn).

Sincerely,



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