



# Lincoln

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To Whom It May Concern:

This open letter of recommendation is written on behalf of Ms. Christine Wiest who has served as a Grade Five classroom and an Art teacher for the past eight years (2007-2015) at Lincoln, The American International School of Buenos Aires. Her work ethic and her performance have been outstanding. Lincoln School is an American-curriculum international school comprising approximately 750 students, Kinder 4 through Grade 12. Located in the northern suburbs of Argentina's capital, Lincoln School has full U.S. and Argentine accreditation (by the North East Association of School and Colleges and the Argentine Ministry of Education). The school community consists of local Argentine as well as multinational business and diplomatic families from over 50 countries. This population has high performance expectations, and Ms. Wiest consistently meets and exceeds those with a supportive attitude.

Ms. Wiest came to Lincoln and did a great job as a classroom teacher but in 2009 she transitioned into a fulltime Art teacher. She has been outstanding in that role. She inspires children with her love of learning, her instructional strength, and her adept use of various visual media. Her classroom environment is challenging, well organized and fun, yet calm; she motivates interest through in-depth investigation and student-centered learning. Not only knowledgeable of the subject matter, Ms. Wiest is very enthusiastic in delivering this curriculum in a wide variety of teaching styles that match her students' varied learning styles. She creates a classroom community, infusing students with enthusiasm for learning: promoting student empowerment and creating leadership opportunities for students. From instruction, to modeling, to practice, to production, to review and reflection, students are engaged in the process of creating art that is real to each. Ms. Wiest is particularly adept at linking her Art curriculum to that of the curriculum of the other subject areas currently experienced so that all subject areas come alive, in an interconnected way, for her students.

In addition to her classroom instruction duties, Ms. Wiest has sought out and serves in several leadership roles. Ms. Wiest served as a leader on the school-wide Accreditation Committee and also serves as the Fine Arts subject area leader. She has not only volunteered her time as the Yearbook editor for the past eight years, but she also is in charge of three Elementary school-wide yearly events. She coordinates the culmination of each semester with an Art Show displaying student-selected, student work. The Art Show is inspiring and informative as the displays not only show the students' work but also the thought behind the work, further connecting. In addition, in the middle of each second semester, Ms. Wiest has coordinates a community-involved Arts Day. On this day, parents, students, and teachers are all involved in a wide variety of participatory art.

I am leaving Lincoln School and so Ms. Wiest requested that I write a letter of recommendation prior to my departure. I hope, for the sake of Lincoln School stakeholders, that she stays at Lincoln for many years. However, I recognize that pursuing challenge is her nature. I know that, as ours has, schools will benefit from having her on their staff. I am pleased to enthusiastically recommend Ms. Wiest for employment consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via the contact information listed in the letterhead.

Sincerely,

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