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Re: Stephanie Samaras

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a teacher of 36 years, having taught Junior Science, Senior Biology and Chemistry. Technology has always been an interest and passion of mine. For the past 6 years I have been doing ICT at the Wentworth Campus of Collingwood School and chair the Wentworth Technology Committee. I am pleased to write this reference letter for Stephanie.

This was Stephanie's first year at Wentworth and I came to know her in the context of the computer lab and as a valued member of the Technology Committee. It was she who introduced me to the eBeam desktop sharing process and got me keen to try it out. For the past 3 Thursdays, she has held Math and English classes in the lab using this technology and I have had the opportunity to observe her.

I was very impressed with what I saw. Stephanie is a confident teacher in front of the class and very much at ease with the technology. Her classes were organized, objectives were clearly stated and the students were well prepared to get the most out of the class. Her questioning was good and added to the learning experience. She was able to use the technology (Smart Board and desktop sharing technology) to improve the overall learning experience for the students. The students enjoyed the experience and were actively engaged throughout the class.

Stephanie and I have had several conversations around the coming paradigm shift to connectedness and collaboration enabled and facilitated by technology. We think very much the same way and both look forward to the emerging new frontiers. My only regret is that I will only have a few more months to work with Stephanie to explore the ways in which technology may be engaged to enhance the learning environment.

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