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Reference Letter for Alexander Katashov:

To whom it may concern:

I have known Alexander Katashov for over twenty years as a teacher and later as a colleague. We live in a global society and, needless to say, global education must be an important priority of schools to help our students recognize that globalization is something that they have to understand and respect. We need to prepare our students to deal with the ever-changing economic and political realities of our world, which is becoming a smaller place. This is why we are in need of great specialists, incredible teachers, like Alexander. Many times his students were among the best in language contests.

He has a teaching experience of over twenty years! He dedicated most of his career to teaching and spent many years in the Lyceum of Foreign Languages in the town of Lugansk, Ukraine, where he prepared many high schoolers for their future career paths. He also prepared many students for the standardized tests of English language proficiency required at many institutions of higher education. Such tests included TOEFL, IELTS, and many others.

Alexander has been a true inspiration for me and a great leader who makes one fall in love with English language and culture. As Alexander's colleague now, who had an opportunity to observe his interaction in class and to evaluate his knowledge of the subject matter, I would rate his overall performance as above average due to his dedication to the subject and his constant work. Alexander has a great interest in English language, literature and culture, and this includes the entire world of different *Englishes*! He has been interested in British and American English primarily, and in 2010 he created the entire course dedicated to American culture. This course was approved and published by the Ministry of Education of Ukraine. This great accomplishment speaks for itself- Alexander is truly a great educator! Alexander is an asset to any work place and I highly recommend him. Please, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Tamar Karakozova'.

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