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As part of our annual supervision and evaluation program here at SCIS, I have had the opportunity to meet with Joel on a number of occasions to discuss his goals, professional aspirations, and contributions to our school community. It has to be said, that from my perspective Joel could not have had a better year, and what he's accomplished with his students and the overall technology program has been inspiring.

Joel has done nothing but show true professionalism in every aspect of his job, and his commitment to education and becoming a better teacher has been outstanding. He's collaborated effectively all year with his colleagues; he's been proactive with professional development opportunities, he's communicated effectively with parents and administration, and he's done it all with an amazing attitude and a true focus on becoming a better educator. Every school has one or two teacher leaders who drive and shape the culture of a community, and Joel is doing that for us. Joel has become one of our respected teacher leaders here at SCIS, and has helped transform the Middle School into something truly special... his focus on technology, best practice and current educational research has been incredible. He's helped pilot our new e-portfolio initiative through the TeLMS committee, he's been a major contributor to our Upper School band program, and he's been the point person on countless other initiatives this year that have helped move SCIS forward...including the Dragon News!

Joel has dealt with a few personal challenges throughout the year and it's fair to say that he's handled them with class, grace and with an eye on staying professional. I'm proud of how he's really found his place within our community and I'm looking forward to him taking on even more leadership roles in the future. Thanks for an outstanding year Joel.

Educationally Yours,


Dan Kerr