

November 15th 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Mark Wentzel in 2003 when he worked with us on the University of Connecticut (UConn)/Dubai Knowledge Village (KV) educational development projects, serving the role of Project Head (Liaison).

During Mark's tenure with us, I found him to be a committed leader of exemplary personal character. He was well cultured, principled and approachable in his professional interactions.

His diverse experience especially in the provision of education extension services to K-12 schools to support accreditation activities related to teacher training, curriculum development, and school leadership was essential to the project deliverables.

Mark's key contributions were on research and development of quality standards in US curriculum schools earmarked for the new Dubai Education Zone, Knowledge Village, and the then anticipated Dubai Academic City; development of accreditation best practices for US curriculum schools; US benchmark visits with officials from the State of Connecticut Department of Education and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC); industry assessment focused on education needs in Dubai and broader MENA region.

His efforts culminated in the eventual selection of NEASC as the benchmark standard for accreditation of US curriculum schools in the Dubai education zones.

We appreciate Mark for all his contributions and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Dr. Abdulla Al Karam,

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Director General

