



## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

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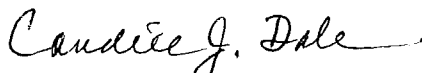
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Shamus has been made aware of and committed himself to what we understand to be the responsibilities of faculty. We feel confident in Shamus' assurance that in all instances he will make the interests of the school, the observance of its policies, and the wellbeing of its students his overwhelming priority. As an alumnus of our school, we believe that Shamus understands what this commitment means.

Finally, our primary commitment is to our students. St. Paul's takes seriously the charge of providing a fine academic, social, and moral education. The phrase that we continually use within our community, "in loco parentis" is not spoken lightly. The wellbeing of our students was our primary concern in considering whether or not to accept a researcher onto our campus. We feel assured that through the study of our institutional practices, Shamus' research will not impose itself upon our primary goal: educating our students.

For these reasons we look forward to his joining our community next year.

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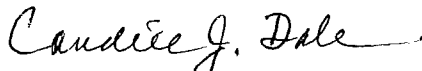
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