

# CARLO MAKARECHI (2007)

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## 1 GRADUATING CLASS/CURRENT POSITION AND LOCATION

2007/ National Regional Field Director at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, Washington, DC

## 2 WHAT DID YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR TIME AT EFIP AND WHY?

I always had a really good relationship with the teachers and staff at EFIP. Both inside the classroom and on school trips, I can still to this day remember dozens of my teachers and the impact they had on me. Additionally, being immersed in French language and culture has immensely enriched my life to this day.

## 3 PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT STUDIES/WORK.

I currently work at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, helping Democrats across the country win elections for the House of Representatives.

## 4 HOW DO YOU THINK EFIP PREPARED YOU FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND?

I was much further ahead of my classmates at the beginning of high school in math, languages, literature, and writing because of EFIP. Particularly geometry and grammar, both subjects taught from a young age in the French system, but largely neglected in the American system. I can still remember breezing through 10th grade geometry and helping my classmates who were struggling with topics I had learned in 5th or 6th grade at EFIP. Beyond school, I think EFIP gave me an appreciation for the world beyond Philadelphia. Appreciating other languages and cultures from a young age is a huge part of making me who I am today.

## 5 WHAT IS YOUR BEST MEMORY OF YOUR STUDENT LIFE AT EFIP?

Our 4th grade end of the year field trip to Quebec with M. Hinz. We spent a few days at a summer camp on a lake and then one day in Montreal. It was such a good time, I can still remember my first impressions of Montreal from that trip. I ended up going to McGill University in part for that reason. Also, Mrs. Zwick's 3rd grade project on the Iditarod. I still follow the dogsled race each Spring and root for the musher I was assigned in class in 2001: Jeff King!

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Merci, EFIP!