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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I highly recommend Ben Angulo as a candidate for a teaching position. I have worked with Ben in my position as English and homeroom teacher at Los Nogales School in fourth grade during the school year 2009 - 2010.

Since the beginning of the school year Ben developed a rapport with each student quickly and was able to maintain student motivation for learning in each lesson he taught. His ability to connect with his students and his talent at teaching simple science concepts, as well as more advanced science topics, were both truly superior. Ben was extremely organized, reliable and computer literate. He accomplished his tasks with great initiative and with a very positive attitude. He was always prepared for his lessons with detailed lesson plans that tied each activity into the school and level standards. His students were always excited to learn and the classroom and lab activities he planned were interactive and focused on curriculum standards. He controlled effective use of class time, planned for the class period so that there was no "down time." He used error as a learning tool, in a positive and constructive manner, excellently specified assessment criteria and contents ahead of time, explained and clarified corrections and used self-assessment and reflection processes of their performance.

Regarding his understanding of discipline and relations with students, he showed an excellent command of the group and class. Students clearly knew limits and the teacher made them evident. He was timely and appropriate with corrections and knew how to apply disciplinary action. He provided extra help that was effective in results and follows-up in writing on the process. He reported on time on cases of students in need of tutorial help or other kinds of professional help. He maintained communication with the group director about students'

progress or weaknesses. Concerning colleague relations, his contribution to work teams was always productive and positive. He recognized various points of view, accepted comments and others' leadership, and fulfilled group duties.

With respect to relations with parents, he maintained an excellent professional relationship with them. He listened and communicated easily with them and conveyed messages and genuine interest in helping students. He had correct information about each student such that parents felt that they were dealing with someone who knew their child well. His comments were always supported by objective observations.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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