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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure and with sadness, too, that I write this letter of glowing recommendation for Ms. Skye Pinon, who has served with distinction and excellence as a Language Arts, EL, and AVID teacher at Vandenberg Middle School, in Lompoc, California.

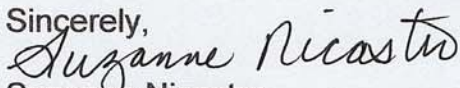
In my eighteen years of teaching and administrating, I have never met anyone more devoted to serving others. Knowing that Skye could be moving out of our area, my Administrative Assistant approached me just last week and said, "How can we possibly replace her?" "We can't!" was my answer. Skye Pinon is one of those teachers you can't replace. .

Skye's current assignment includes being both the AVID Site Coordinator and our new EL/Foreign Language Department Chair. She has been instrumental in implementing and developing our successful AVID program, and serves on the school's Leadership Team and School Site Council. Skye approaches her responsibilities with professionalism and energy, and is someone that easily communicates with peers. She shines in all arenas!

Skye also provides pinpoint instruction to her students in language arts and english language acquisition. She also discusses behavior, making better choices, and improving attitudes. Skye is passionate about teaching and learning and is focused on "student achievement" and "student growth." Whenever there is an opportunity to learn new teaching concepts and delivery, Skye is ready to tackle the challenge. Teachers at Vandenberg Middle School have praised Skye for her excellent classroom management and her skill at presenting lessons.

Skye has my highest recommendation to teach at the secondary level. In addition to demonstrating extraordinary people skills in different settings, she is highly intelligent, insightful, and creative. She's thoughtful and friendly, too. One day, some time ago, Skye stopped by my office to chat about a particularly challenging student and to share some insights about this student with me. "When he and I have a chance to work one-on-one, he's wonderful," Skye said. It is clear to me that Skye brings out the best in people. I reserve my highest praise for those teachers who demonstrate "caring" in their day-to-day teaching lives. Skye has my highest praise. We will all miss her at Vandenberg Middle School. It will be impossible to replace her.

Sincerely,



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