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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of reference for Christina Espinoza. I have had the privilege to work with Ms. Espinoza at Cucamonga Middle School where she holds the position of 8th grade Language Arts and Social Studies teacher. She also serves as Department Chair for ELD. In both positions she has helped guide the staff in best practices.

Ms. Espinoza strives to meet the needs of students and staff by getting to know them as more than a student in her class and by trying to understand their core needs. She gives of her time outside of class in attempt to better serve and advocate for students. She sets clear and high expectations for students and is able to often redirect negative behaviors in her classroom. I think her classroom management works well because she can form connections with even the most difficult student. Students not only see her as their teacher, but as someone who genuinely cares about them and who they are becoming. Ms. Espinoza is seen as a leader among her colleagues. She has built strong relationships with her team. She is seen as a resource for her colleagues at all grade levels. One such area is ELD. She works with district staff to ensure our EL students are making adequate progress every year. I have found her to be thoughtful and a good sounding board for different initiatives. She listens, provides honest feedback even if it is not what you want to hear. She also works hard to see things from different perspectives, and to do what is best for students.

I would like to recommend Ms. Espinoza for your program. She would bring a positive perspective and a willingness to implement new programs. She loves students and is someone who I value having on my staff. She will be missed, but I know she will have a greater opportunity to impact a even more of students in her new role.

Sincerely,



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