


EL CAMINO  HIGH SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Ms. Rachel Derusha. Rachel is currently teaching Spanish and Geometry at El Camino High School in South San Francisco. During her time as a teacher at El Camino, Rachel has been an indispensable asset to both our Math and World Languages Departments. Her willingness and ability to connect with each student by addressing each student's unique talents and specific needs is outstanding. Rachel stands out as a teacher that is willing and able to take on a highly strenuous workload and at the same time create and maintain a safe and academically challenging learning environment for all students.

Although Ms. Derusha has only been with El Camino for one year, she has demonstrated a refreshing enthusiasm to develop professionally and to improve her ability to serve all students. To that end, Ms. Derusha makes a great effort to collaborate with her colleagues in Math and Spanish, as well as working to establish connections across academic departments. In my observations, I have noted that Ms. Derusha places a great emphasis on direct instruction, scaffolding of content, and creating an equitable and welcoming classroom.

I have enjoyed working with Ms. Derusha over the past year, and as a site leader, I have come to rely on her professionalism and willingness to work collaboratively with both administration and teachers. Finally, if hired, I have no doubt that you will feel especially pleased to have her on your team.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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