

## **VILLAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am pleased to highly recommend Kate Scorziell for a multiple-subject teaching position. As a long-time general education teacher and Reading Specialist at Coronado Village Elementary, I've worked with and observed many excellent educators. As Kate's mentor, I was impressed by her ability to teach in a way that benefitted every student, positively impacting those around her.

Kate began as a long-term 1st grade substitute on the first day of school in the middle of the pandemic, filling in for a teacher who had been with the same students since TK. Nevertheless, Kate quickly established a strong rapport with students, families, and faculty. By the end of her placement, she received many positive comments with regard to her teaching abilities, surpassing the expectations for a guest teacher in a school with high standards and parent involvement.

Kate had an excellent grasp of content and effectively taught it across multiple platforms. Because of Kate's success, she was asked to continue teaching a virtual cohort when students returned to in-person-learning, which she did. However, Kate went beyond what was asked of her and also taught an additional afternoon cohort of in-person students. This allowed her to gain more experience as an educator and to continue working with her students. As a result, she adapted all her lessons to meet the needs of both a virtual classroom and an in-person cohort, taking into account the diverse needs of individual students. Kate's decision to teach two unique classes on different platforms, demonstrated the care, commitment, and pride she has in teaching her students and her willingness to help out where needed

I worked closely with Kate and found her to be a quick, eager learner. She was highly dependable as a teacher who was present online during the entire class (as opposed to an asynchronous teaching style). Kate's bright and enthusiastic personality, as well as her implementation of specific techniques, kept her students engaged and learning online. Moreover, she integrated students' interests into curriculum development, while successfully teaching students Bridges Math, CGI Math, and Benchmark Reading.

Kate is an excellent teacher and I highly recommend her. She is willing to go above and beyond to provide the best learning experience for students and families. Kate is easy to get along with and well-liked by other faculty and staff. She will make a great addition to your school. Please reach out with any further questions.

Sincerely

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