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To whom it may concern:

I am very pleased to provide an open letter of recommendation for Raquel Parra as an exceptional Spanish teacher. I worked with Raquel at Mont'Kiara International School, where she had responsibility for K-5 Spanish instruction and I had responsibility for Spanish in grades 6-8. I strongly recommend her for employment.

As a native speaker with excellent understanding of the structure of the Spanish language, Raquel's content knowledge is unsurpassed. She is also a very creative teacher who constantly seeks to meet the needs and interests of her students. I found Raquel's students to be very well-prepared, entering my classes with a strong foundation in all language skills.

Raquel excels at staying current with the technology available for classroom use. She invests the time necessary to find and master the most effective technology for her classes' learning goals. In addition, she demonstrates real talent in simplifying even complicated technology so that it is accessible for elementary students.

As a colleague, I found Raquel to be generous with her time, always willing to share her skills with her colleagues. During my time at Mont'Kiara International School, the World Language Department engaged in an extensive review process, aligning curriculum and shifting to standards-based assessment. Raquel engaged thoroughly in this departmental work. Her commitment and collegiality during this process was vital to its success.

Raquel also participates fully in the school community. She made excellent use of parent volunteers in her classroom, communicating her expectations with them and creating valuable and meaningful roles for them. This willingness to work with the parents in the community contributed to the inclusive and welcoming atmosphere of her classroom.

In extra-curricular activities, Raquel also takes an active role. She looks for every opportunity to extend student learning outside of the classroom. One year, Raquel offered a very popular after-school class in Latino dance. She also shared enthusiastically in implementing a school-wide Language Fair, an annual event designed to celebrate and promote language learning.

With her skill, commitment, and enthusiasm, Raquel would be an asset to any school. I am confident that she would be an extremely effective teacher in any setting. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information about her skills or her character.

Sincerely,



Rose Linton