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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Re:

Carla Weber

From:

Susane K. Rotalo

University Supervisor/English

Date:

6 March 2015

I am currently Carla's University Supervisor for part time student teaching this Winter Quarter 2015 at Fesler Junior High in Santa Maria, CA. I have observed her teach with her Cooperating Teacher, Veronica Tadeo, and have been very impressed with their team strategies for co-planning, teaching, and assessing. Carla is enthusiastic, readily accepts suggestions and is very willing to try new, creative ideas and techniques to enhance her teaching as well as the progress of her students. She has established a comfortable environment where all students feel supported and willing to participate. Her obvious strength is in organization and planning age-appropriate, motivating lessons.

Before student teaching she had experience as a tutor in the Cal Poly writing center, where the focus is on a non-direct approach to guide students without telling them what to write; this strategy has transferred to her classroom easily. She has also been an orientation leader on campus and has learned to create an efficient schedule and meaningful discussions to help freshmen adapt to a new environment.

Her natural inclination is to nurture success and she truly enjoys engaging with her students to help foster critical thinking skills, which I have seen in her class discussions. She is a natural teacher and it is a joy to watch her grow.

If you have any other questions or would like to discuss Carla's progress, please feel free to contact me at home (805) 481-5089 or email: rotalo@aol.com

Sincerely,

Susane K. Rotalo

University Supervisor/Secondary English