



# ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

*"this is for you and yours, a privilege..."*

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To whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you to recommend Mrs. Ericka Betancourt for a teaching position in your educational program. Mrs. Betancourt is a hard-working student and life-long learner that continues to use all that she learned to benefit the students and teachers around her. During the time that Ericka was employed at the Academy of Our Lady of Mount Carmel as the World Language teacher, she continuously showed her enthusiasm with students in her class and beyond, with parental involvement, and with staff collaboration. Up until this year, she has served as the Spanish Honor Society Coordinator, and continued to work closely with students, teachers, and parents to make OLMC a great place to be.

Mrs. Betancourt is an enthusiastic, energetic classroom teacher who motivates her students with a strong desire to excel, no matter the age or academic level. She is well versed in the curriculum and the integration of technology. She is adept at putting reluctant users at ease and illustrating how tech integration can enhance a teacher's lesson at all grade levels. Creating specialized PBL activities in a variety of areas is another area of expertise that allows her to assist teachers in enhancing their curriculum engaging students of all learning styles. I highly recommend that she join your school, as your students and families will benefit greatly. She is truly on her way to becoming a "master teacher".

As a new Principal OLMC, I was thrilled to have Ericka as one of my teachers to lead and teach 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in the classroom no matter the age or subject. I have worked with many teachers who have sufficient knowledge in a variety of the subjects taught at the early childhood, elementary, and middle school levels, however they do not always exhibit the diligence with which Mrs. Betancourt approaches her day to day duties. Each year, I have noticed that only a few outstanding new teachers offer a unique perspective and really embrace their assignments with the diligence and dedication like Ericka. Over the past few years of employment at the Academy, she has exceeded everyone's expectations in this regard.

As the year unfolded, Mrs. Betancourt continued to impress us with her dedication to her work while continuing to update her knowledge of her profession through her studies and her varied ongoing Professional Development opportunities. Her unique rapport with her students enables her to guide them through many experiences academic as well as all other areas of development. I'm sure you will find her to be a teacher whose talents will only shine further through her new experiences.

It is my hope that Mrs. Ericka Betancourt joins your faculty and staff with the excitement and academic rigor, and are able to explore the many facets of her talents. Feel free to contact me if you require further information. My email address is [kkoval@academyolmc.org](mailto:kkoval@academyolmc.org).

God Bless,

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