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To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter on behalf of Mrs. Ericka Betancourt. I had the pleasure of working with her for 2 years at Sacred Heart School. She was hired for a part time Spanish teaching position and early into her time with us, the entire community recognized what a unique, passionate, and effective teacher she is. We were happy to expand her position to full time to also included middle school math, which is her passion.

Her mastery of pedagogy is evident in her student performance. While this is a gift in and of itself in two very challenging subjects to teach, what really sets Mrs. Betancourt apart is the way she instills a sense of pride in her students and a drive to do their best. This comes from her own love of her subjects, desire for greatness, and belief in her students.

At Sacred Heart, these elements of Mrs. Betancourt's teaching often came to life outside of the typical classroom. Of course, in each class, Mrs. Betancourt maximized her minutes. She kept students working from bell to bell and supported them every step of the way. But she also consistently went above and beyond on her own volition. Mrs. Betancourt regularly set up support sessions for her students either before school, after school, or eve her lunch if necessary. Additionally, she implemented a Spanish Honor Society and a math club, giving both groups motivation in their respective subjects while also making if fun and relevant for them. Our Spanish Honor Society went and class trips experiencing Latino cultures and organized events for our student body raising their cultural awareness. Our Math Club competed against students from across the county for the first time in years under Mrs. Betancourt's leadership.

On top of all these wonderful things done for our students, Mrs. Betancourt was dependable and delightful to work with. As an administrator, it was so wonderful to see these opportunities emerging for our students. With Mrs. Betancourt at the helm, I always knew that great things would happen, that they would be done well with proper communication to parents, and that proper protocol would always be followed and that was always a relief.

Mrs. Betancourt is a unique asset to any school she is a part of! Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,
Kathryn M. Jensen
Principal