

May 18th, 2026

Dear Hiring Team,

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Karla Herrera for an art teaching position. Karla was my student teacher for the 2025-26 school year and I have seen her work effectively and enthusiastically with my diverse group of students. She is a dedicated educator who brings her signature positivity and passion to every lesson.

Karla engages students by connecting lessons to student interests like food, cartoons, or the real world. For example, she designed and taught a sticker project in which students learned about how a real sticker business works and then got to create their own vinyl sticker. Karla also consistently integrates games and visual thinking strategies to encourage higher order thinking in a fun way. Her thoughtful lesson planning in combination with her palpable love for art instruction allows her to reach all students.

Karla's care for students is clear as she anticipates the needs of individual students and reflects on how to best reach students who may need extra support. My students have loved learning from her and I am confident that Karla will make an excellent art teacher at your school.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at [dburke@hbcasd.us](mailto:dburke@hbcasd.us) or 541-678-3484.

Sincerely,  
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