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To Whom it may concern:

Every so often, we encounter someone whose qualities reach beyond professional ability and speak to the most meaningful aspects of life and human connection. When I hired Ms. Karla Herrera for our After School Enrichment Program and our In-House Therapeutic Arts Program for children with special needs, it was immediately clear that her confidence, compassion, and natural ability to connect with others would positively impact every student, family, and colleague fortunate enough to work with her.

Ms. Karla Herrera exemplifies the compassion, dedication, and professionalism that define the highest standards of our educational program. She approaches every student with patience, sincerity, and an unwavering commitment to helping each child feel supported, valued, and capable of success. Her diligence and strong work ethic are reflected not only in the quality of her teaching, but in the meaningful relationships she builds with students, families, and colleagues alike.

She is deeply respected and cherished by our staff and students, yet one of her most remarkable qualities is the trust and reassurance she provides to parents. Ms. Herrera creates a sense of comfort and confidence for families, knowing their children are receiving thoughtful guidance, encouragement, and the best opportunities to grow both academically and personally.

At OCCTAC, we strive to cultivate educators whose talents inspire and uplift the communities they serve. Ms. Herrera represents that mission beautifully. Her time with our organization reflects the growth of an exceptional educator whose abilities and compassion will continue to make a profound impact wherever her path leads. I proudly and wholeheartedly endorse Ms. Karla Herrera as an outstanding teacher, mentor, and colleague of the highest caliber.

With deep respect:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Dimalanta".

Dr. Mark Dimalanta