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Dear Selection Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Angelica Figueroa. I am the Middle School Counselor for North Park Academy of the Arts, and for the 2020-2021 school year I have been Miss Figueroa's supervisor. It has been an amazing experience watching Miss Figueroa grow into the role of a school counselor, and develop her skills from her previous experience working with students in a classroom setting. She is more than ready to take on the challenges that come with being a School Counselor.

This school year has been a unique experience for all educators in regards to how the job looks during this pandemic, but Miss Figueroa came in ready to be flexible and adapt. I would say this is one of many strong qualities she possesses. There is no task too big that she would not be ready to work through. Whether we were conducting SST's, 504's, SART/SARB attendance meetings, or promotion status meetings, Miss Figueroa was quick to learn and became ready to run these meetings on her own in no time. Anytime she needed to conduct a meeting on her own, I had full confidence that this meeting would run in a manner as if it were myself or an administrator running it.

Above all else though, I would say nothing stands above her work ethic and compassion for students. Every student she works with is incredibly lucky because they have her undivided attention, and she will treat them like they are the most important thing to her at that moment. She has a great sense of empathy that drives her to support her students through any hardships they face, so they know they are not facing it alone. Her dedication to doing her job as thoroughly as possible makes her the perfect mentor to students, partner to fellow staff members, and guide for parents/families.

Throughout this school year Miss Figueroa has gained experience with social emotional and academic counseling, presenting to staff, programming with the master schedule, running parent conferences, and helping with identifying interventions for our SST's and 504's. In addition, she was a strong member of our attendance team. Every week she would help with running our attendance reports and identify which student's required a phone call, meeting, or a SART/SARB referral. She was extremely organized with this and followed all district protocols.

It is without a doubt that Miss. Figueroa will make an excellent School Counselor, and will have a positive impact on not only her students, but the staff she works with as well. She would be an excellent addition to your staff, and is exactly the kind of person you look for in a School Counselor. Her heart and work ethic put her above the rest. Please feel free to contact me if you require any more information.

Sincerely,
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