



April 12, 2023

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Ms. Laurie Maldague

To Whom it May Concern,

Ms. Maldague joined our faculty as a GED teacher on July 11, 2022. As the Vice Principal of Robert E. Burton Adult School inside San Quentin State Prison, I've observed in her classroom and worked with her closely to learn CDCR systems. As a prior college English instructor, she hadn't had a need to teach math and yet has done a good job of learning a lot about math education in a short amount of time. She is receptive to coaching, eager and willing to learn, and has demonstrated a veracity to keep up with the fast pace inside a prison education setting.

Although Ms. Maldague came to San Quentin from a juvenile institution, she had to learn new curricula, new ways of documenting progressive discipline within SOMS (Strategic Offender Management System), and new technology for record keeping as well as for student-facing digital programs. She has done so with dogged determination and kept a good attitude!

Early on, Ms. Maldague established a professional and compassionate level of mutual respect with her students. Students are engaged and comfortable asking questions, which speaks to the calm and consistent classroom climate she provides. I have seen Ms. Maldague support students with a focus on Academic Language and Graphic Organizers in both her math and English lessons. She currently has approximately 10 students pass GED subtests on a monthly basis.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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