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RODRIGUEZ HIGH SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is an honor to recommend Pamela Wolf for a position in your district. I have had the pleasure of working with Pamela for the past five months in the English department of Rodriguez High School. During this time, I have known Pam to be a dedicated teacher as well as a positive component of her collaborative teams.

Pam started her position in November 2011 as a 9th and 11th grade English teacher. Her students had experienced a string of substitute teachers from August through November. Students had been operating in a situation with little to no discipline and sub-par academic instruction. Pam's classroom management skills have allowed her to establish control of the classroom and to provide a rigorous curriculum, aiding students in catching up on their grade level standards.

Pam invests a great amount of time in differentiated instruction. She designs lessons for and with individual students based on their needs and interests. She is attentive to the needs of both gifted and struggling learners and creates tiered lessons accordingly. Her use of project-based learning has proven essential in the success of many of her students. Pam consistently utilizes technology in her lessons, including Smart Board technology as well as bringing students to our school computer labs for research. She also analyzes data from SchoolCity as a resource in teaching a standards-based curriculum.

In addition, Pam has regularly attended all staff and department meetings, weekly collaborative sessions, and professional development. She spends time outside of her contracted work day meeting with and contacting parents as well as planning and preparing lessons. She also meets with students to assist in college and employment applications, personal statements, resumes, and offering extra help. Due to her hire date alone, Pam received a Reduction in Force notice and is facing layoffs this year. Please accept my recommendation for her employment with your organization.

Sincerely,

Kristin Cullen

English Department Co-Chair

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