

# Warren HARDING HIGH SCHOOL

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To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of my colleague, Michelle Black. I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Black this past year while she served as the Harding High School dance and performing arts instructor.

Ms. Black was able to quickly establish a positive rapport with her students and ascertain their strengths and weaknesses in order to plan skill-appropriate lessons that cater to the students' needs. She utilized individualized and differentiated instructional strategies almost effortlessly during the many times that I observed her classes, and students responded well to her methods. They frequently participated in class activities and contributed, along with Ms. Black, towards a professional learning community within the classroom that all teachers strive for on a daily basis. Lesson content was meaningful, engaging, and culturally responsive. The multitude of challenges that all teachers face with this particular district make these feats particularly noticeable and all the most impressive for a teacher in her first year.

Ms. Black assisted me several times throughout the year with our concerts and variety shows, helping with auditions, rehearsals, and performances. She took on an active role with these shows and made sure students were adequately prepared to perform. The dance routine that she choreographed for her students was innovative, professional, and tasteful, resulting in a standout performance from the group that garnered much applause among students and faculty members alike.

I support Ms. Black wholeheartedly and expect her to bring a culture of success and excellence to any program fortunate enough to have her. I appreciated having her as a colleague in the performing arts program, and she will be dearly missed. Should you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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