



PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARSHALL FUNDAMENTAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my honor to write this Letter of Recommendation for Ms. Benita Scheckel. I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Scheckel for the past 2 years at Marshall Fundamental where she has served as Assistant Principal. In her 2 years at Marshall, Ms. Scheckel has lead with optimism, integrity, and enthusiasm.

Ms. Scheckel came into administration from a career as a choir and English teacher. Her enthusiasm for the Arts is contagious. Knowing her strength she used her background to infuse the Arts into her role as Assistant Principal. For each of the rallies and assemblies that the students prepared, she treats them like theatrical productions. Consequently, the quality of the student presentations greatly increased; each assembly and rally truly interactively engaged with all students. And as great as Ms. Scheckel is devoted to the Arts, she came lacking any knowledge of athletics. Committed to all students, she asked students to help her better understand sports so she can best support them. She was able to recognize something she did not know and took the initiative to learn more so she could do better at her job.

Ms. Scheckel is an administrator at a public school because she has great hope for the future generations of our students. She is capable of spinning setbacks and difficulties into learning opportunities. She never gives up on a student, always trying to help and coach them to maximize their potential. Ms. Scheckel sees it as her role as an administrator to guide the culture of the school to embrace the students as they are and guide them towards self-actualization.

Ms. Scheckel aspires to become a principal and is an eager learner. She seeks out feedback in how she is performing and consistently looks to grow. She is currently working towards her Ed.D. at Azusa Pacific University and enjoys matching the research of the work to the actual practicum. She has involved herself in the local chapter of ACSA, Association of Pasadena School Administrators, serving on the Board and was recently recognized as the ACSA Region XV New and Aspiring Administrator of the Year.

It is my pleasure to recommend Ms. Scheckel for a principalship. She has shown a tremendous capacity to be receptive to feedback and lead a school with her heart centered on students. She will work to make the district and the school a better place for students, teachers, and parents. Please contact me if you have any questions, Anderson.mark@pusd.us.

Respectfully,

Mark Anderson, Ph.D.
Principal

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