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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I write this letter in support of Dr. Janese Swanson. I have had the opportunity to work with Janese for the past several years. Beginning in 2010, I worked with Janese as her principal and following that when she was a Teacher on Special Assignment to support the launch of rebranding a district specialist program. Throughout her career, Janese has served in a variety of capacities and received many awards of distinction as detailed in her resume.

Among her roles, Janese has provided support for new and aspiring educators, facilitated professional learning both within the district and at a national level, and coordinated a district curriculum committee to support the integration and alignment of STEAM content aligned to state standards. When working with Janese, colleagues feel valued and respected. Janese's ability to communicate effectively with a variety of audiences is exceptional and promotes a positive atmosphere among teachers, administrators, and community members. She effectively navigates a variety of situations with a sense of calm, a high level of commitment, and a service-oriented approach to providing students and colleagues what they need to be as successful as possible.

Janese is a respected and productive member of Torrey Hills School and the district community. As a STEAM+ Technology Specialist, Janese designs engaging lessons in technology for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. At the site level, Janese serves as an administrative designee and can be counted on to support schoolwide events in whatever capacity needed. She skillfully coordinates large schoolwide functions and ensures all stakeholder voices are heard. Janese approaches her many roles with a solution-minded approach. She is an effective collaborator and communicator and one who is willing to take on a variety of responsibilities while requiring little direction. She is able to thoroughly examine a variety of situations and work productively with others towards accomplishing a common goal.

Janese skillfully introduces new technology to teachers and coaches colleagues in the effective use of integrated technology which enhances classroom instruction. She carefully examines new curriculum and when appropriate, incorporates them into her technology lab which inevitably extends to classrooms throughout the campus. Janese coordinates and prioritizes the work of each grade level ensuring that resulting curriculum is of high quality and reflective of state standards. Janese's content knowledge is valuable in guiding this important work. Janese's participation on numerous district teams has given her a broad range of experience. As a result, she understands the needs of district teachers and is able to support and assist with the facilitation professional learning opportunities for teachers.

Dr. Janese Swanson is smart, caring, and talented. I am confident she will continue to be highly successful in any endeavor she chooses to undertake.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelley Petersen". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Shelley Petersen
Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services