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Ms. Kristin Stanton, Principal

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To Whom It May Concern:

As Principal at Torrey Hills, it is my pleasure to recommend Dr. Janese Swanson as an employee in your school district. I have had the opportunity to observe Dr. Swanson for the past three years in her role as technology specialist at Torrey Hills. In addition to this role, Dr. Swanson has supported our site as the Administrative Designee. She has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in both of these roles.

Dr. Swanson is a creative and dynamic teacher. In her technology classes, Dr. Swanson is mindful to ensure that students have a multitude of opportunities to experience new learning, spanning from coding, presentation creation, video making, and more. This year Dr. Swanson led our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students through a process in which they created short films to be highlighted in a film festival. She also collaborates with teachers to embed state standards into her technology lessons and integrate lessons across disciplines, such as science, art, and music. Dr. Swanson has also filled the role of art teacher at Torrey Hills. She worked with 5<sup>th</sup> grade students this year to integrate digital art and hands on studio art. She is also passionate about providing opportunities for our students to explore and engage in activities in the makerspace in coordination with technology.

Dr. Swanson is a teacher leader on both site and district committees, which provide input, direction, and leadership for our school site and district. At the site level, she has been part of the Leadership/Innovation team and has collaborated and led the production of our school yearbook and video broadcasting of Hawks on Air leading both parents and students in the process. Each year Dr. Swanson also coordinates a family evening event called STEAM+ family night which showcases STEAM+ learning for our families. In addition, she also coordinates events outside of school for families to take part in like field trips to the Apple store. In addition, at the district level, she has been a member of the STEAM+ curriculum Committee and Collaborative Learning Wednesday Planning committees. Her input has helped lead the site and district across multiple initiatives.

Dr. Swanson excels in collaborating with her team and our entire staff. She is an effective communicator with both students and adults. Dr. Swanson is currently serving as an Administrative Designee at Torrey Hills, in which she takes on the role of site administrator on days when I am not present. In this role, she has effectively followed through with supporting students, staff, and parents and developed a communication tool to share with me as site administrator to ensure continuity.

Dr. Swanson's creative passion for education, her leadership skills and experience, and continued interest in professional learning make her an ideal candidate for your school. She is a critical thinker who is always willing to take on new roles and professional learning. I am more than happy to recommend her for a position in your district.

Please feel free to contact me at (858) 442-9782 or [kstanton@dmusd.org](mailto:kstanton@dmusd.org), for additional or more detailed information regarding Dr. Swanson. It would be my pleasure to further discuss her contributions to our school district.

Sincerely,

Kristin Stanton