

## Newport Mesa Unified School District

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To Whom It May Concern:

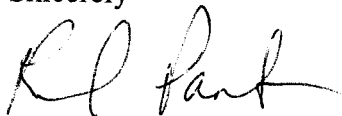
It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Katerina Sorrell for the position of School Counselor (Mental Health/Special Education). I consider myself fortunate to have worked with Katerina for the past two years at Costa Mesa High School in the Newport Mesa Unified School District. Katerina currently supports many of our General Education and Special Education students at Costa Mesa High School by providing mental health support through group and individual counseling. Katerina effectively supported all students particularly our students with special needs. In addition, she supported teachers through consultation with student behavior needs. I consider her to be one of the most passionate and effective Educators I have worked with in my twenty two years in education. She also has a warm and loving personality that is evident in the way she relates with students, parents and colleagues.

Katerina possesses many outstanding professional competencies. She is highly intelligent and displays a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of counseling/mental health. She knows how to manage a counseling caseload, collaborate with leadership, and coordinate services with outside agencies. She utilizes her knowledge and experience in helping our teachers provide an effective learning experience and a quality classroom environment for students. When working with students, Katerina does an outstanding job of establishing rapport and getting the best from children.

Katerina is unquestionably an exceptional Educator and a valued member of our team. She demonstrates compassion and a strong commitment to helping students and their families. She has proven herself to have the passion, initiative, and perseverance to help the children that she serves in meeting their goals. I would therefore highly recommend Katerina for the position of School Counselor and believe she would be an extremely positive asset to your team.

If I can be of any further assistance, or provide you with any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (714) 424-8744.

Sincerely



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School Psychologist