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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you today on behalf of Sylvia Dana, a fellow teacher, mentor, and friend at Mountain View High School. I have had the opportunity of working and collaborating with her for the past three years, and I appreciate her professionalism in her three disciplines — photography, newspaper, and journalism — as well as her ability to motivate students, maintain classroom discipline, and her genuine passion for teaching.

Sylvia's experience in working with students is apparent in the way she conducts class. Three years ago as a new teacher in the Art Department, she invited me into her classroom to observe her teaching and implementation of creative photography lesson plans, so that I could examine, emulate, and plan future lessons with her. Sylvia is very articulate, entertaining and compassionate when dealing with her students. We can frequently find her working after school and on the weekends with students who need extra encouragement or time to finish assignments. Sylvia is empathetic and respectful when dealing with 504 and special needs students as well. Working in a computer lab can sometimes be a challenge when many students need one on one instruction. Sylvia has a very patient and caring demeanor when dealing with all her students.

Sylvia has become a pro at Adobe Photoshop CS, the image-editing software leader of digital imaging. She showed sound leadership abilities in supervising the Mountain View High School Photography Club, Bowling Club, and the school newspaper. I always kidded, but truly believed, that her creative and innovative ideas, as well as her sound leadership abilities and aptitude for supporting others would make her an excellent candidate for the *Apprentice* television show.

Sylvia's energy, innate teaching ability, even temperament, original and imaginative ideas, and basic sunny disposition were a joy to work with. These are qualities that she will bring to the table wherever she goes. I sincerely recommend Sylvia Dana for any future position she seeks. She will be an asset to your program or business.

Sincerely,

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