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To whom it may concern,

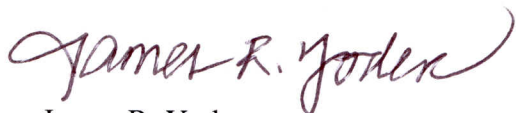
It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Scott Benedict. I have known Mr. Benedict since August 2005 when he was first hired as a Spanish teacher in the Clark County School District (CCSD).

I have had the distinct privilege of knowing and working with Mr. Benedict both as the CCSD foreign language coordinator and as an observer of his many talents as a presenter. I have relied on him for creative leadership and expertise in the area of professional development and curriculum delivery. He has served the foreign language profession as a classroom teacher, a professional resource and as a presenter at national, regional and local levels.

Without exception and in every instance, Mr. Benedict demonstrates his skills as an educator. He understands that professional knowledge and skill, the ability to communicate, and the building of relationships are the cornerstones of teaching and learning. He has worked to provide his students with a standards-based curriculum and is highly skilled in assessing student learning based on those standards. Mr. Benedict is one of the few foreign language teachers in the District who has moved to a standards-based grading system that more clearly describes the achievement of his students. He demonstrates careful and intelligent planning coupled with a warmth and zest for teaching that serves both his students and his colleagues, and Mr. Benedict is happy and productive working as a team member. With intelligence, joy and commitment, Mr. Benedict proves himself to be of special value in any effort on behalf of students and teachers.

Mr. Scott Benedict will be a wonderful asset to any organization or effort. He comes to you with my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,



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Coordinator, K-12 Foreign Language



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March 17, 2011

To Whom It May Concern

As a high school student in the early 1980's, I hated Spanish class. It was boring, had no spark or imagination, and was not related to anything else I was learning. As an educator from the late 1980's until today, I found my overall opinion of Spanish education unchanged. Then I encountered Scott Benedict, a Spanish teacher at Veterans Tribute Career and Technical Academy.

It never occurred to me when I moved into my new classroom that across the hall was a remarkable educator who opens the hearts and minds of young adults to the benefits of a Spanish education. During the in-service days prior to school opening, I learned of the innovative and forward-thinking means by which Scott teaches his classes, and I was intrigued to see him in action. Can you imagine a class of 30 young adults playing duck-duck-goose in the hallway? I couldn't believe my eyes, but when I went outside to watch, they were all engaged, enjoying the activity, and communicating 100% in Spanish. This was the first "brain break" that I witnessed, and I was stunned and thrilled to find someone who not only embraced the block scheduling (85-minute classes), but went the extra mile to use current research to improve learning during that longer period.

Through his presentations at our staff meetings related to using Google docs, standards-based grading, and incorporating "brain breaks" to improve performance, I've learned quite a bit. This knowledge includes the professionalism and expertise Scott Benedict has, and I've gained substantial resources that I now incorporate in my classes. As a department chairperson and state leader in student activities, I have forwarded many of Scott's suggestions and ideas to educators within a multitude of disciplines.

There is no doubt that Scott Benedict will be a successful and motivating educator in any school district. It is a significant loss to our school for Scott to leave. Do not miss the opportunity to have such an innovative educator join your staff. It is my privilege and honor to give Scott Benedict my highest recommendation. Your school environment will be greatly enhanced with Scott in your Spanish department.

Sincerely

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Scott Benedict. I have worked with Scott for the last six years at both Silverado High School and Veterans Tribute CTA, both in the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, NV.

Prior to hiring Scott in the CCSD, my direct supervisor and I went to Arcadia High School to observe him teach. He demonstrated impressive classroom management skills and outstanding language teaching practices. For those reasons we were eager to hire Scott as we felt he would be an incredible addition to our department. That judgment has proven to be true over and over again.

Scott has trained numerous world language teachers nationally in the TPRStorytelling® methodology and with the use of Standards-Based Grading. Scott has co-presented workshops with me and I have also been in a participant in workshops and webinars that he has presented on his own. He is a terrific presenter and I highly recommend them to anyone who inquires about them. Along with his presentational skills, Scott has outstanding computer skills and has been my webmaster for my own websites for the last five years.

Scott currently teaches in the classroom directly across from mine. He has excellent rapport with students, faculty and staff and uses very effective teaching methodologies. He is a very organized person and has demonstrated himself to be a continual team-player and is always willing to help others.

I have no hesitations recommending Scott Benedict for a position with your organization. He is an outstanding teacher who will be an asset to any environment in which he chooses to participate. Please feel free to contact me at 702-275-5586 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,


Carmen Andrews-Sánchez
Spanish Department Coordinator/Spanish Teacher
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