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To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to recommend Mark Reyes as a candidate into the EUSD community. I have had the pleasure of working with Mark from February 2024-June 2024 as a volunteer in my First Grade Classroom, where he demonstrated an exceptional commitment to education and student growth through the use of Sphero's in our STEM Lessons.

During his time volunteering in my classroom, Mark was able to connect with students of various reading levels, technology knowledge, behavior needs, and learning styles. He played a key role in leading lessons through the craft of coding and helped guide students through challenging lessons that taught students how to write and read Sphero's specific coding language. Mark was always prepared, flexible, and eager to contribute, making it a true pleasure to work with him. After each lesson, he and I would debrief and talk about what went well and how we can improve our lessons for the following week, a significant part of the educational experience.

One of the strengths I witnessed in Mark was his ability to create an inviting and secure learning environment among all students. He adapted his teaching style for all learners whether they needed extra support with the lessons or challenging the students that were excelling. He consistently showed patience, empathy and enthusiasm promoting student excellence towards their lessons. I was confident enough in his teaching that he eventually led the groups through the rigor of the coding lessons while I worked on other tasks with the students.

Through my observations with Mark's help in my classroom, I have no doubt that he will make a significant contribution in the EUSD community. He possesses all the qualities needed to be a successful educator—dedication, creativity, and a real desire to make a genuine impact on students' learning.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to me at awirth@eusd.org. I believe that Mark will be a great asset to the EUSD community.

Sincerely,
Ashley Wirth