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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a great pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Mrs. Norma Martinez. Norma completed the UTEP Master's Degree program with concentration in Mathematics Education. As a student, she took a couple of my mathematics education courses at a graduate level.

I have known Norma for several years: I am amazed how much she has grown to become a classroom teacher-researcher and mentor. Mrs. Martinez is a very motivated, hardworking, and intelligent person. While taking my classes, she was involved into the concept study model. She was engaged in conceptually rich learning of the content and its application to the real school settings. While observing her teaching as well as participation in classroom discussions in my graduate classes, I have noticed how much expertise she has as an effective practitioner. Norma feels very competent in both the content (she has a number of graduate level mathematics coursework) and methodology of teaching mathematics; she is sensitive to issues of cultural diversity and language in mathematics classroom. She knows how to involve students into meaningful discourse and exchange of mathematical ideas, how to design conceptual learning environment for students, how to use authentic assessment techniques in classroom, etc.

Throughout her graduate experience, Mrs. Martinez showed herself as a caring and open-minded student. Norma has exceptional communicational and organizational skills; she is a very dependable and effective professional. Mrs. Martinez has strong critical thinking skills and writing abilities, which are important elements for any teacher. She is capable to conduct classroom research incorporating the best practices in mathematics education.

I have a very firm belief that Mrs. Martinez is an excellent teacher-researcher and she is a great candidate for the position you have available. Therefore, I fully endorse and support her application. Feel free to contact me at 747-7668 or by e-mail mouratt@utep.edu if you need more information.

Sincerely yours,

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