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To The admissions board for Masters in Teaching,

I am writing a letter of recommendation on behalf of Carina Valtierra to be considered as a candidate for your Masters in Education program at Evergreen State College.

I have worked with Mrs. Valtierra in an extended day academic enrichment program for elementary students at Pleasant Glade Elementary. Mrs. Valtierra works with a diverse group of students delivering quality instruction, engaging materials in a well managed, effective setting. Her duties included creating weekly lesson plans, delivering lessons, and assessing student understanding. She manages all of these duties as well as some administrative duties assigned to her as assistant site coordinator/facilitator. Mrs. Valtierra wears many hats and balances them seamlessly.

Mrs. Valtierra has made strong connections with our students. She has a lovely manner of building positive relationships with students in which they have come to trust her as a safe, caring adult whom they've come to rely upon. Pleasant Glade is a Title 1 school with a diverse socio-economic population. The afterschool program is very much a reflection of this population. I tell you this because as you know, feeling safe and cared for is important for students to be engaged learners.

As a co-worker, Mrs. Valtierra is simply awesome to work with. She is hard working, positive, and very collaborative. She possesses both effective verbal and written communication skills. She is extremely organized, reliable, and computer literate.

Mrs. Valtierra would be a great asset to your masters program, and I recommend her without hesitation. In my fifteen years of experience, I believe her to be a natural teacher with the ability to help develop compassionate, critical thinking students. Please contact me with any questions you may have about Mrs. Valtierra.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth McLaughlin*

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Together! Club House Facilitator/

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