



# Quail Run Elementary School

4000 Goldenbay Ave, San Ramon, CA 94582

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To Whom It May Concern:

It has been my pleasure to work with Emma Carella this year at Quail Run. She is community focused, innovative and a true collaborator. I met Emma initially at a pre-school year staff function. Although Emma was not required to attend, she was there, meeting the teachers, participating in the event, and demonstrating her commitment to truly becoming part of the staff. What I didn't know was that her involvement in the early activities was just a glimpse of what was to come. Whether she was a student teacher, a long-term substitute or a contracted 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Emma attended all required and extracurricular events. She even committed to being part of the staff dance at Multicultural Night which took months of after school practice. She did all of this because she values being an active part of the school community.

When I have seen Emma teach, I have not only been impressed by the rapport she has with her students, but with the thought she puts into creating learning opportunities for her students that are unique and engaging. She looks for innovative ways to get her students thinking critically and talking together to grow new ideas. Her instruction is varied and includes lots of movement, collaboration, technology, and humor. Emma has integrated elements of Culturally and Linguistically Responsive teaching into her everyday repertoire. She enjoys teaching the students and it shows.

Emma has had to be flexible and resilient in her position this year, as she has shifted from student teacher into available positions on campus. In every transition, she has demonstrated a willingness to collaborate with her teams to discuss students, their families, assessment data, units of study and intervention strategies. Her colleagues know that Emma can be depended upon and that she will work to support all of the students in the grade level, not just those in her immediate charge.

I believe Emma Carella would be an asset to any teaching staff. Please contact me for any additional information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ondi Tricaso'.

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