

Charles Weis, Ph.D. County Superintendent of Schools

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Joy Wenke. I have worked with her in two projects in my role as the coordinator of the Multilingual Programs at the Santa Clara Santa Clara County Office of Education.

Ms. Wenke contributed to the development of the *A Look at Learning* system videos. She demonstrated effective instructional strategies in working with English learners from Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in a wide range of language proficiency levels on a professional development video series for improving student achievement. This system is being implemented in seven counties across 17 districts in California. The videotaping experience is an example of Ms. Wenke's willingness to share her expertise with other educators.

Ms. Wenke is a highly effective trainer. She is one of the key trainers for Thinking Map at the national level. Ms. Wenk's workshops are often engaging and very well-received by the participants. Her presentation delivery revealed her skills in organization and planning as well as an ability to engage the group.

Ms. Wenke's classroom experience, commitment to English learners' academic success and strong enthusiasm for collaboration, give her a unique perspective on how to effectively turn theories into practice and into programs that support academic achievement for students. Ms. Wenke would make an excellent addition to any school or organization. I have been impressed by Ms. Wenke's passion, enthusiasm, and knowledge in her job. I highly recommend Ms. Wenke for a leadership position at your organization.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (408) 453-6825.

Most sincerely,

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